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“The love of learning I acquired at Barnard has stayed with me throughout my life and is shared by my family. Our three sons are teachers and my husband and I have enjoyed the challenges and rewards of being on the boards of independent schools.

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Sabina FitzGibbon Philip '48

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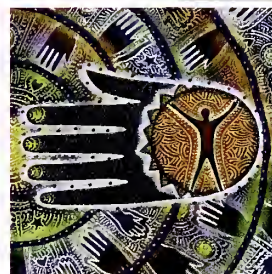
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I Was Once a Little Girl

I was saddened to read of the death of Louise Rosenblatt '25. She was, I believe, the last of the Ashcan Cats, the informal feminist group founded by Margaret Mead '23.

After Louise received the Distinguished Alumna Award at reunion in 1990, I approached her on behalf of Luther Cressman, Mead's first husband, to extend congratulations. She was gracious and polite, and then turned to speak to someone else.

Suddenly, she whirled around and said, "Wait, Martha. I remember you. You're the little girl who used to play with Cathy [Mead's daughter, Mary Catherine Bateson]." Cathy and I were the same age, and Mead was my godmother.

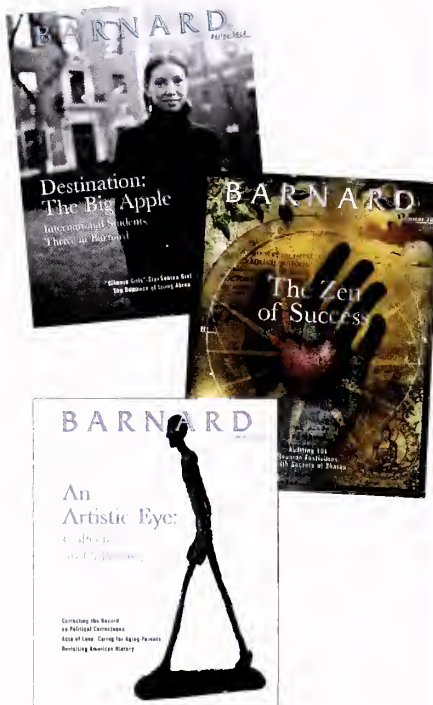
It was beyond wonderful to be told I was a little girl when, at 52, I was feeling neither little nor girlish.

*Martha Ullman West '60
Portland, Ore.*

Fan Mail

I am moved to write to extend my kudos to all of you who write and publish the magazine. It is an absolute winner! In our house we receive a number of alum magazines, and none of them holds a candle to Barnard's. It is extremely attractive and very readable. The color and photography are excellent and it provides a fine mixture of substantive information about the College, students, alumnae, and faculty, as well as the customary class notes. I'm proud to be a graduate of the College and am especially proud of the attractive package you create to show it off. Keep up the good work!

*Lynne Bresler Iglitzin '53
Seattle, Wash.*



Men Make Better Friends

Thank you so much for publishing "The Joys of Having Women Friends" (Fall 2004). I, however, prefer men. Time with female friends is often frittered away on meaningless gossip, whereas with men there's greater entertainment to be had in matching wits. Women are more inclined to endless pop analysis and psychobabble. When men hate you, usually you know right away. Women often smile kindly as they drive the knife into your heart.

I have one female friend, and she's very nice. I attribute the strength of our friendship to the fact that she lives five hours away. To see her is a novelty.

*Nadia Silvershine '83
Kentfield, Calif.*

No Knitting in Front, Please

I finally read the article on knitting in the Spring 2003 issue of Barnard ("Come Join the Knitting Circle"). Some of us
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Barnard's "Mob of Scribbling Women"

(with acknowledgements to Nathaniel Hawthorne)

Dear Reader, if you have a moment, look at a biographical list of the most distinguished American writers of the last several decades, your eye primed for what they might have in common. You'll probably notice at least one thing: Many of those writers graduated from Barnard.

On November 6, Barnard will celebrate its illustrious literary alumnae and welcome an impressive contingent back to campus for a conference on the art of writing (see the ad on the back cover of this issue). The conference will open with a panel of authors addressing a most intriguing question, "What makes a writer?"

Why do so many Barnard graduates go on to become successful writers?

I've been asking myself and others a similar question, "Why do so many Barnard graduates go on to become successful writers?"

I believe that the answer to my own question lies first in the kind of students who have always come to Barnard. Not only are our admitted students exceedingly smart and talented, but whether they grew up in Manhattan or Montana, they are choosing to spend their college years in New York City. These young women want to experience urban life in all its cultural richness, economic and ethnic diversity, and tough reality—terrific raw material for an observant chronicler. Also,

Barnard applicants with early literary ambitions aim to be in the nation's publishing capital, where they know they'll find ample opportunities for internships and other career-building experience.

For faculty perspectives on why Barnard turns out so many outstanding writers, I e-mailed a couple of professors who have taught creative writing here.

Professor Elizabeth Dalton, who was director of writing during the late 1980s and early 1990s, responded with a reflective message that said, in part, "Barnard attracts many students with interesting backgrounds who have a lot to write about. Most of the people who teach or taught in the writing program encouraged students to write about their own experience and helped them find ways to do that."

One such student was Edwidge Danticat '90, the novelist and short-story writer who won international acclaim for her fiction while she was still in her 20s (see page 20 to read more

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THROUGH THE GATES

Campus News and Events

Commencement 2005

Proud families and friends, as well as members of Barnard's faculty and board of trustees, assembled on May 17 at the College's 113th Commencement exercises to honor the Class of 2005. Anna Quindlen '74, chair of Barnard's board of trustees, delivered the Commencement address and told the 580 graduates to be fearless. "This is a college in which the business management directive 'Drive Out Fear' might be carved in cast iron over those gates," she said. "You must refuse to be cowed by the opinions of others. You must have the strength to say no to the wrong things and yes to the right ones, even if you are the only one who seems to know the difference."

Quindlen also urged the graduates to pursue their dreams and remain confident in the choices they make. "I say to you today: No apologies. Graduating from Barnard means never having to say you're sorry." The full text of Quindlen's speech may be found at www.barnard.edu/newnews/news/051705e.html.

Other speakers at the ceremony included Carolyn Cavaness '05, president of the Student Government Association, Diana Nguyen '05, senior class president, and Briane Sorice '05, who presented academic reflections. President Judith Shapiro delivered closing remarks.

Cavaness also received the Frank Gilbert Bryson Prize, an award bestowed upon a graduating senior for service to Barnard as voted by her peers. Economist Amartya Sen and past president of the American Library Association Carla Hayden were this year's recipients of the Barnard Medal, the College's highest award.

—Shelley Gazes '05

Members of the Class of 2005 smile as they become the College's newest alumnae.



Graduates listen intently as Quindlen tells them to "Open your mouths. Speak your piece. Fear not."





Several of this year's 32 senior marshals, who led the various segments of the student procession. Senior marshals are selected by the Commencement Committee on the basis of their contributions to Barnard.

Performance Encourages Reflection and Acceptance

Barnard played a major role this spring in the Columbia University Arts Initiative, an ambitious new arts program designed to strengthen connections between intellectual and creative activities on campus and beyond the university's gates.

In partnership with Barnard and the Harlem Arts Alliance, the Arts Initiative's first project brought acclaimed international director Peter Brook to Barnard's campus for lectures and a production of "Tierno Bokar," a spare drama that featured professional actors from eight countries. The production was part of a month-long program of free events that engaged students, faculty, alumnae, and members of the community in a global cultural exchange.

"Tierno Bokar," set in French colonial Africa, is about a Sufi Muslim named Tierno Bokar who lived in Mali and devoted his life to a search for the truth. Performed in French with English subtitles and accompanied by live African music, the production ran for four weeks in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium, which was transformed into a theater.

Professors at Barnard used the production as a way to integrate Bokar's teachings on tolerance and understanding

among cultures into their classes. For example, students in a colloquium on major works from Indian and Middle Eastern cultures, which is taught by Rachel Fell McDermott, associate professor and chair of Barnard's Asian and Middle East-

ern cultures department, read works on Sufism including *West African Sufi: The Religious Heritage and Spiritual Search of Cerno Bokar Saalif Taal* by Louis Brenner (University of California Press, 1984) and attended a performance of the production.

Several alumnae were involved in the production and events around it. Mia Katigbak '76, artistic producing director of the National Asian American Theatre Co.

(www.naatco.org), organized faculty lectures and panels. Marcia Sells '81 worked with local organizations to boost attendance among community members. Carolyn Spector '94, residency program manager of the event, helped with coordination and marketing. "For the students, it was a new world to experience such a beautifully meditative piece in the middle of a busy metropolitan campus," Spector said.

For more about the production and to learn about upcoming cultural events, go to www.tiernobokar.columbia.edu.

—Louise Kramer '79



Djeneba Kone, left and Abdou Ouologuem, two actors who play multiple parts in "Tierno Bokar."

A Cowgirl on the Supreme Court



At a dinner held in Sandra Day O'Connor's honor, President Judith Shapiro presented O'Connor with the F.A.P. Barnard Award for distinguished service.

In 1952, after Sandra Day O'Connor graduated third in her class from Stanford Law School—a year early—she discovered that she couldn't work in private practice as a female attorney. A classmate's father at a Los Angeles law firm told her she might find work in his firm—as a legal secretary. She also had been editor of the school's law review, but she might as well have gone back to the remote Arizona cattle ranch where she grew up while her male classmates were getting depositions. Her solution? To talk her way into a job as a deputy attorney for San Mateo County, Calif., by offering to work for free. "I represented various

county officials and agencies and did work for them, and I loved it," she said.

That is how O'Connor began her journey to becoming the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1981. In an hour-long lecture on April 12 (shortly before she announced her retirement on July 1) at Barnard entitled "How a Cowgirl Got to the Court," the moderate-conservative justice told the room packed with students, alumnae, and friends of Barnard: "Make the most of any opportunity to do satisfying work, even if opportunity comes packaged in ways that may seem less than compelling."

—Louise Kramer '79

Their Legacy Lives On

THREE PROFESSORS RETIRED FROM BARNARD THIS YEAR AFTER DISTINGUISHED CAREERS AT THE COLLEGE

Marcia L. Welles, professor of Spanish, has taught at Barnard since 1970 and is proud to have been part of a department with a distinguished tradition. In retirement, she will write articles, spend time with her grandchildren, and travel. For Welles, continuing her education is of the upmost importance. "I'm very much looking forward to having more time to enjoy what I am doing," she says.



Susan Riemer Sacks, professor of education and psychology, will teach her signature course in educational psychology and a seminar on adolescent psychology next year, and will continue her research on girls and science.

Sacks, who joined the education program in 1971, helped establish links to New York City public schools and a partnership with the Bronx School of Law & Finance, a small school that's part of the New Century High School Initiative. "We have created a fantastic legacy with more than 1,000

graduates, most teaching or serving in leadership roles in public schools throughout New York City and the country," she says. From 1993 to 2003 she directed the Institute for Urban Education at Barnard, a program designed to encourage adolescents to enter college and college students to become urban public school teachers.

In honor of Sacks' retirement, the College has established the Susan Riemer Sacks Fund for New Teacher Initiatives.



Janet Mansfield Soares, professor of dance and artistic director of dance, began teaching dance at Barnard in 1963. After joining the faculty full time in 1975, she worked with colleagues to develop the dance major in 1987, which serves all undergraduate students at Columbia University. Soares, who served as department chair, is a professional choreographer with her own company, DANCES/Janet Soares. She established and was artistic director for Barnard's "Dance Uptown" concert series from 1967 to 1990; afterward, she produced the dance department's concerts at Miller Theatre.

The author of *Louis Horst: Musician in a Dancer's World* (Duke University Press, 1992), Soares is now writing a biography on the seminal figure in American modern dance, Martha Hill.

—Laura Shin

Reminiscences of College Days

A remarkable group of writers, poets, scholars, scientists, and political leaders, including five associated with Barnard, are represented in *My Columbia: Reminiscences of University Life* (Columbia University Press, 2005).

Edited by Ashbel Green, the collection of excerpts from memoirs, novels, and other writings portrays various eras in the history of a great urban university.

The book includes a selection from *Barnard Beginnings*, by Annie Nathan Meyer (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1935), an engaging chronicle of the College's early years and an important document in the history of American higher education.

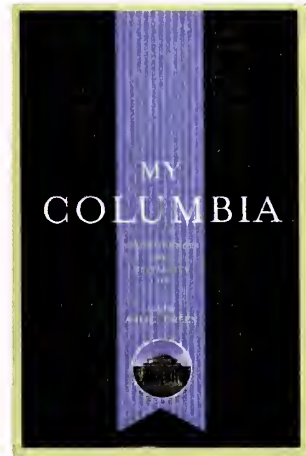
Meyer, who enrolled in Columbia's "Collegiate Course for Women," was an ardent advocate for women's education. Determined to create a women's college in New York City, she called for the establishment at Columbia of an "affiliated" women's institution, modeled after the Harvard "annex," later the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. On her husband's signature, she leased quarters at Madison Avenue and 45th Street. In September 1889, Barnard College—named after Columbia's recently deceased president, Frederick A. P. Barnard—opened its doors.

"I confess to a pride in having defended the affiliated

college at a time when it was neither popular nor understood," she wrote in *Barnard Beginnings*. "To me, nothing in the education of women mattered so much as the creation of right standards, and this was effected by the establishment of the affiliated college. My faith was surely justified, for in 1891 I was happy to proclaim (to the Council of Women in Washington) as an established fact: 'Barnard College is Columbia.'"

The four other women affiliated with Barnard whose writing is included in *My Columbia* are Virginia Gildersleeve, who as dean of Barnard from 1911 to 1947 fought for Barnard students to receive equal access to all areas of Columbia University; Mary Gordon '71, award-winning author and Millicent C. McIntosh Professor of English at Barnard; Zora Neale Hurston '28, a writer and Barnard's first African-American student; and Margaret Mead '23, the most influential anthropologist of her day.

—Glenn Slavin



My Columbia, in bookstores now, features writing by five women affiliated with Barnard.

This paper fashion is part of the senior thesis project by Carol Kim '05, one of 14 students who majored in art history with a concentration in visual arts this past academic year. Kim's collection addresses fashion stereotyping, specifically how Asian-inspired fashion creates and perpetuates Asian stereotyping, as well as the ironic fact that expensive couture items are typically manufactured by people of poor economic means. Kim and the other students in the program showed their work during the art history department's annual Senior Thesis Exhibition, which was held in April. According to Senior Lecturer Joan Snitzer, the director of the visual arts program, students produced works in a variety of media, including drawing, sculpture, painting, installations, and photography.

—SG '05



BARNARD TRIVIA

What are the other names of the Torchbearer?

Answer: The Spirit of the Greek Games and Nike



ON THE WEB

Wonder what it's like to study humpback whales off the coast of Africa, produce interactive theater, or create a database that will access every satellite in space? These are just some of the tasks that students who have been profiled as Barnard Interns in Action have undertaken through their internships. You can read about them and other interns at www.barnard.edu/newnews/internindex.html.

Why Do Women Deny Their Ambitions?

Women view ambition in men positively, but they despise the word when they apply it to themselves. That's what Anna Fels, a psychiatrist and author of *Necessary Dreams: Ambition in Women's Changing Lives* (Anchor, 2005), found after doing extensive research on the topic.

"One woman had a string of euphemisms: 'I call myself purposeful. I'm doing my personal best.' There was something about the term [ambition] that was disquieting to many women," Fels said at a Feb. 15 talk sponsored by the careers committee of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College.

Ambition, she said, consists of two parts: mastering skills and recognition for having mastered those skills. In her view, the latter is essential to achieving one's long-term goals and to forming a unique identity. Fels recalled a study conducted at General Electric in the 1930s that sought to identify changes that would motivate workers, such as using brighter or dimmer lighting. The study concluded that every change resulted in improved productivity because the workers appreciated the attention. Conversely, she noted that lack of recognition has devastating effects: Studies have found that women who leave the paid workforce to raise their children and people who are unemployed have the highest rates of depression.

Fels noted that men and women perceive ambition differently because women are socialized to avoid recognition and visibility in favor of traditional feminine values. They also often choose to nurture others and defer to men rather than compete with them. She criticized a society that doesn't acknowledge discrimination against women.

During the passionate question-and-answer session that followed, some alumnae in the audience blamed successful women as much as men for the glass ceiling. Several talked about experiences with female bosses who were tougher than male bosses, while others debated whether the trend of women's opting out of high-powered careers to focus on their families was true or media hype.

—Laura Shin



VOICES IN THE NEWS

I feel like this huge weight has been taken off my shoulders.

—*MSNBC.com* gossip columnist Jeannette Walls '84, who grew up homeless, after revealing the true story of her childhood in *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* (Newsday, April 13, 2005).

Campus

Calendar

Rewriting Motherhood. Sept. 14, 7 p.m. A panel with Lisa Belkin, Cecelie Berry, Miriam Peskowitz, and Judith Warner. Altschul Atrium, Altschul Hall. Co-sponsored by Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers). For information: Barnard Center for Research on Women, 212-854-2067 or bcrw@barnard.edu.

Queen of Spades. A puppet adaptation of Pushkin's short story "The Queen of Spades," directed by Amy Trompetter and David Neumann. Free performance Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m., with a post-show panel sponsored by the Harriman Institute. Other performances: Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 8 p.m., \$3 with CUID/\$5 without. Minor Latham Playhouse, Milbank Hall. For information and reservations: 212-854-5638, www.barnard.edu/theatre.

Homecoming. Oct. 2, 1:30 p.m. Wien Stadium, 218th and Broadway. Tickets: 212-854-2546.

Women Poets at Barnard. Readings by Carolyn Forché and Honor Moore, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Sulzburger Parlor, third floor of Barnard Hall. Readings by Michael Hofmann and Dunya Mikhail, Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Sulzburger Parlor (sponsored with the Barnard English department).

Family Weekend. Oct. 21 and 22. Parents, grandparents, and siblings of all students are invited to campus. For information: 212-854-0037.

The Ingeborg, Tamara, and Yonina Rennert Women in Judaism Conference. Jewish Women Changing America: Cross-Generational Conversations. A two-day conference with noted Jewish scholars. Oct. 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Oct. 30, all-day event. Registration is required. For information: 212-854-2067, www.barnard.edu/bcrw.

Leadership Council 2005. Nov. 4 and 5. New class volunteers, class officers celebrating reunion in 2006, and regional club volunteers are invited to campus to work on their reunion and class programming. For information: Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

Great Writers at Barnard. Nov. 6. Barnard alumnae authors will be on campus for a day of sessions exploring the art of writing and why Barnard has fostered so many accomplished writers. Open to the public, but ticket purchase and advance registration is required. See ad on the back cover of this issue. For information: 212-626-6527, www.barnard.edu/writers.

"The Nutcracker." Dec. 4, 1 p.m. Join Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers) for a performance at Lincoln Center, \$125 (includes ballet and reception). Reservations: Alumnae Affairs, 212-854-2005, alumnaeaffairs@barnard.edu.

The Making of a President

Richard M. Pious explores the evolution of the American presidency



How has the most powerful office on earth evolved, from the foundational tenure of George Washington to the second term of George W. Bush? That sweeping question is answered in the lecture course “The American Presidency” (POLS 4316), taught by Richard M. Pious, professor of political science and Adolph S. and Effie E. Ochs Professor of American Studies.

“This course gives students a sophisticated sense of theories about American institutions and of the processes a president engages in—developing legislation, rule-making, and the budget process. Students are exposed to the nitty-gritty of how decisions are made in government,” Pious says.

The first lecture is on the creation of the presidency, with required readings that include *The Federalist Papers*. Next, a lecture on the pre-modern presidency focuses on Abraham Lincoln’s assertion of vast war powers, the weaker administrations that followed, and William McKinley’s reclamation of presidential supremacy when he waged the Spanish-American War and defeated insurrections in the newly occupied Philippines—the birth of the American empire bringing with it the birth of the modern commander in chief.

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SELECTED READINGS

The Presidency

by Richard M. Pious
(Longman, 1995)

The Federalist Papers

by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay
(Signet, 2003)

Understanding the

Presidency (third edition)

by James P. Pfiffner and Roger H. Davidson
(Longman, 2004)

Rivals for Power:

Presidential-Congressional

Relations (second edition)

by James A. Thurber
(Rowman & Littlefield, 2001)

Iran-Contra: The Final Report

by Lawrence E. Walsh
(Three Rivers, 1994)

Community Matters

A demonstration project at Barnard will assess how civic engagement enhances student life

When asked why they chose Barnard, many students cite its New York location as a definite draw. The city strengthens the Barnard experience, but it can also compete with it. According to Marjorie Silverman, associate dean of the College and dean for student development, Barnard, like other undergraduate institutions, works hard to build a strong sense of community on campus and enhance students' feeling of belonging. Beginning this fall, a new program will further strengthen students' ties to the College and to each other.

The initiative, titled "Identity, Community, and Belonging: Engaged Learning and Engaged Living for Mental Health," is one of a handful of demonstration projects at U.S. colleges that will assess the positive effects of civic engagement on undergraduates. In addition to Silverman, who will serve as director, the project team includes Will Simpkins, associate director of Barnard's New York Civic Engagement Program, and Hilary Colenso, director of the Alcohol and Substance Awareness Program at the College. Barnard will undertake its demonstration project under the auspices of Bringing Theory to Practice, a new program of the Association of American Colleges and Universities that is funded by the Charles Engelhard Foundation.

Civic engagement has always been integral to the Barnard experience because it helps women develop a sense of themselves. "Civic engagement can be a light in the dark for some students—affirming what they thought they already knew about their passions and further elucidating that which they did not know,"



Simpkins says. Furthermore, research indicates that civic involvement can decrease the likelihood of depression and alcohol abuse among undergraduates. Colenso notes, "Service-oriented activities have been identified in research studies as protective factors against alcohol-related problems in college. Thus the project will provide information about how a living and learning experience at Barnard may protect against substance abuse."

The program includes academic, residential, and service components. Selected sophomores and transfer students will take a one-credit interdisciplinary seminar incorporating fieldwork in off-campus

organizations. The initiative will also support Civic Engagement House, a sophomore-year residential option in Plimpton Hall for students interested in community service. In addition, sophomores living on one floor of Hewitt Hall will participate in the Engaged Sophomore Project, offering special programming for residents of the floor. To determine the program's effectiveness and replicability, survey results from participants will be compared with data from a control group.

The initiative focuses on sophomores and transfers because they tend to experience unique pressures. According to Vivian Taylor, dean of the sophomore class, "Sophomores have anxiety about doing something significant with their lives. This is the time for reflection on where they have been and where they are going in their educational careers. It seems that the project could do a lot to address the concerns of our students and to help them find meaning during their sophomore year." Transfer students also face distinctive challenges, like getting to know an unfamiliar college, navigating New York, and establishing relationships with professors and fellow students.

Silverman adds, "Undergraduates are confronted by particular developmental challenges that create vulnerable moments for a variety of students. If this grant can help us to better understand those moments, help students navigate them more efficiently and become more resilient, we will have been quite successful. We are so pleased to have funding to support work that will enhance our students' sense of connectedness to the College and to each other."

—Amy E. Hughes



Left to right: Board Chair Anna Quindlen '74, honoree Sheila Nevins '60, and President Judith Shapiro.



President Judith Shapiro with event co-chairs and trustees Cheryl Glicker Milstein '82 (left) and Jolyne Caruso-FitzGerald '81 (right).

2005 Spring Auction

Festive event honors an alumna and raises money for scholarships

On May 3, alumnae, parents, and friends of the College gathered at Industria Superstudios in Manhattan's popular Meatpacking District to raise funds for scholarships and honor an accomplished alumna. At the 2005 Spring Party & Auction, President Judith Shapiro and Anna Quindlen '74, chair of the board of trustees, presented Sheila Nevins '60, president of HBO Documentary and Family, with the Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger Award. In the silent and live auctions, attendees bid on more than 90 items, including the chance to name a character in Quindlen's next novel. The auction raised \$575,000 for student support at Barnard. Additional photos of the event are available at www.barnard.edu/alum/events/recentevents/0505auction.html.

—AEH



Left to right: Auction committee member Darin White '98, Theresa Jinwala '98, and Netta Samroengraja.



Left to right: Ravi Singh; Elizabeth Yeh Singh '88, an auction committee member; and Alison Craiglow Hockenberry '88.

LASTING LEGACIES

A bequest from a distinguished zoologist will support students and faculty

Ingrith Deyrup-Olsen '40, a celebrated zoologist and educator, championed a rare cause throughout her life: the slug. Often describing her object of study with adjectives like “spectacular” and “remarkable,” she inspired an appreciation of gastropods among countless students and colleagues. Her extensive research on slugs' capacity for mucus production and regulation has helped scientists in a wide variety of disciplines, particularly medicine. Deyrup-Olsen's study of animals began at Barnard, where she majored in zoology. This year, she left a six-figure bequest to the College as an expression of her gratitude.

After earning her Ph.D. in physiology from Columbia University, Deyrup-Olsen taught zoology at Barnard and Columbia from 1947 to 1964, then joined the biology faculty at University of Washington. During her tenure there, she conducted research,

advised graduate students, and founded the Masters of Arts in Teaching Program for high school teachers, which became a national model. In addition, Deyrup-Olsen shared her expertise with a broader audience through her amusing appearances as The Slug Lady on “The Late Show With David Letterman.”

In 1988, University of Washington honored Deyrup-Olsen with its top teaching award, and she was named professor emeritus in 1990. She returned to Barnard in 1992 to accept the College's highest honor, the Barnard Medal of Distinction.

When asked once what she valued most about her Barnard education, Deyrup-Olsen praised “the excellent teaching by a dedicated and scholarly faculty.” She emulated her professors' dedication and excellence throughout her career, and her generous bequest will continue that legacy.

—AEH

Passing the Torch

Donors and students meet and mingle at the annual Torchbearers Reception

Student recipients of scholarships, fellowships, and internship grants met and thanked their supporters at the annual Torchbearers Reception on April 19. The program included remarks by Leonard C. Tow PA 73 and Carol Kim '05, who spoke about the importance of giving on behalf of donors and students, respectively. Streaming video of Kim's speech is available at www.barnard.edu/giving/studentssupport.html. —AEH



Left to right: Margaret Stern Kaplan '49 and Lora Lithgow '06.



Left to right: Heather Love '06, Robert Reilly, and Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63 PA 88.



Left to right: Reeva Starkman Mager '64 and Chantel Nicolas '06.



Left to right: Elizabeth Marsteller Gordon and Ayesha Rehman '05.

A CLASS ACT

Classes of '64 and '74 win new stars in Barnard's fund-raising hall of fame

On April 19, President Judith Shapiro toasted the Classes of 1964 and 1974 as they were inducted for the second time into the Reunion Courtyard. The courtyard, which is located at the entrance of the Vagelos Alumnae Center in the historic Deanery, honors classes that contribute more than \$200,000 to The Barnard Fund during a reunion year or more than \$2 million in cumulative gifts in the five years leading up to reunion.



President Judith Shapiro, with members of the Class of 1964, inducted two classes into the Reunion Courtyard.



Alumnae from the Class of 1974 celebrated the dedication of their second plaque in the courtyard.

Following up on its impressive 35th reunion fund-raising effort, which is also recognized in the courtyard, the Class of 1964 raised \$200,986 from 56 percent of the class in honor of its 40th reunion. The Class of 1974, which recently celebrated its 30th reunion, earned a place in the courtyard by raising \$200,093 from 41 percent of its alumnae five years after winning its first plaque in conjunction with the class's silver anniversary.

Next year, the Classes of 1955 and 1945 will have plaques installed in the courtyard to recognize their 2005 reunion giving. The Class of 1955 made a clean sweep of Barnard Fund giving (\$319,799), participation (70 percent), and cumulative giving (\$5 million for all purposes). The Class of 1945 contributed a total of \$3.3 million over the five-year span. —AEH

Taking Note

"Never" is how Hortense Calisher '32, author of 15 novels, two memoirs, and seven collections of short fiction, refers to the number of times she has jotted down a plot point, a turn of phrase, or anything else a writer might note for future use.

"If I can't remember it, it's not worth my remembering," says Calisher, a born-and-bred New Yorker.

Calisher, 93, has created a quirky, evocative body of work that includes such well-known titles as *A Wreath for Miss Totten*, *False Entry*, and *Age*. She hails from a strong background of Southern Jewish storytelling and her family—a perfume magnate father, her German mother who was 20 years younger than her father, and a live-in grandmother born in the mid-1800s—has often influenced her writing. For example, during the course of composing her most recent memoir, *Tattoo for a Slave*, released by Harcourt Brace this spring, Calisher, who was told that her grandmother never owned slaves, discovered a receipt in her grandfather's name for insurance for two servants.

An English major, Calisher excelled at Barnard. After graduation she put off writing to raise her family, although she admits she also put it off partly out of trepidation. The publication of her first volume of short stories, *In the Absence of Angels*, at age 37, opened the floodgates of her writing. After that, she was asked by Barnard, and later by other schools, to teach English courses.

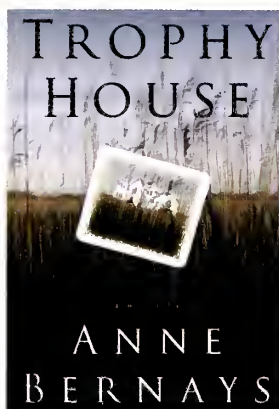
Calisher speaks of her two lives: a comfortable physical one in New York, in which she enjoys her 46-year marriage to writer Curtis Harnack, two children from a previous marriage, and a trio of grandchildren; and the other—the life of her art—which she refers to as dominant.

"While writing, you explore the questions you don't yet know exist about events and history," she says.



A good memory is the only notepad author Hortense Calisher '32 needs.

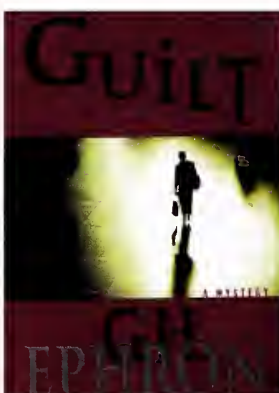
BOOKS, ETC.



FICTION

Trophy House
by Anne Bernays '52
Simon & Schuster, 2005, \$24

Guilt
by G. H. Ephron (pseudonym for Hallie Ephron Touger '69 and Donald A. Davidoff)
St. Martin's Minotaur, 2005, \$23.95

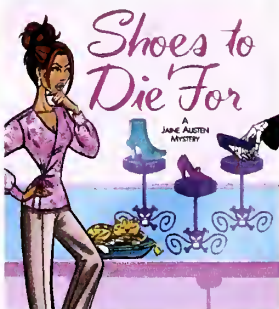


Shoes to Die For
by Laura Levine '65
Kensington Books, 2005, \$22

Make Me An Offer
by Jessica (Zive) Dee Rohm '76
Authorhouse, 2004, \$22.95

The Writing on the Wall
Lynne Sharon Schwartz '59
Counterpoint Press, 2005, \$24

We Need to Talk About Kevin
by Lionel Shriver '78
Counterpoint Press, 2003, \$25



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NONFICTION

The Circus and Victorian Society
by Brenda Assael '89
University of Virginia Press, 2005, \$35

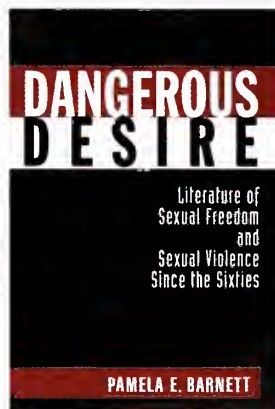
Dangerous Desire: Literature of Sexual Freedom and Sexual Violence Since the Sixties
by Pamela E. Barnett '89
Routledge Press, 2004, \$23.95/\$90

Reducing Poverty, Building Peace
by Coralie (Marcus) Bryant '59 and Christina Kappaz
Kumarian Press, 2005, \$25.95

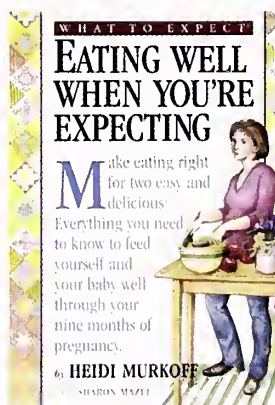
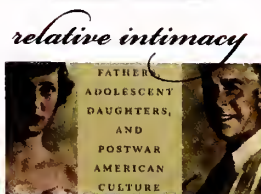
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Brenda Assael



RACHEL DEVLIN



Relative Intimacy: Fathers, Adolescent Daughters, and Postwar American Culture
by Rachel Devlin '89
University of North Carolina Press, 2005, \$19.95/\$49.95

Them: A Memoir of Parents
by Francine du Plessix Gray '52
Penguin Press, 2005, \$29.95

What Can You Do with a Major in Biology?
by Bart Astor, Series created by Jennifer Horowitz '89
Wiley, 2005, \$12.99

What Can You Do with a Major in Business?
by Kate Shoup Welsh, Series created by Jennifer Horowitz '89
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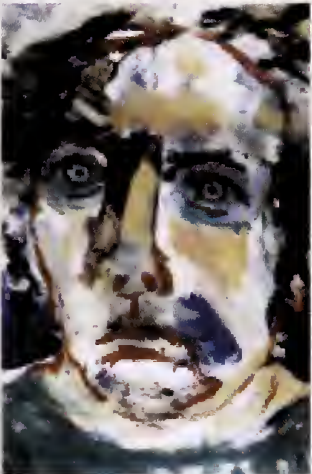
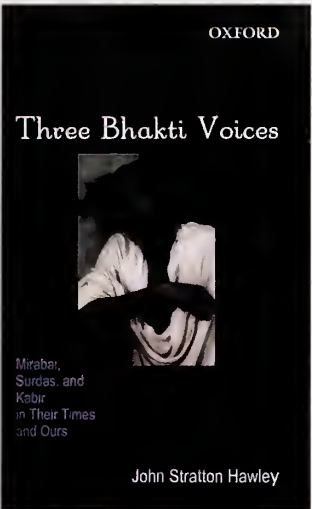
What Can You Do with a Major in Education?
by Jennifer Horowitz '89 and Bruce Walker
Wiley, 2005, \$12.99

What Can You Do with a Major in English?
by Shelley O'Hara, Series created by Jennifer Horowitz '89
Wiley, 2005, \$12.99

What Can You Do with a Major in Psychology?
by Shelley O'Hara, Series created by Jennifer Horowitz '89
Wiley, 2005, \$12.99

Forgotten Knowledge
by Marisol (Martinez) Limon '97
Women's Studio Workshop, 2002, \$150

What To Expect: Eating Well When You're Expecting
By Heidi Murkoff with Sharon (Friedman) Mazel '92
Workman, 2005, \$12.95



Aliza Olmert: tikkun

essays by Laura Kruger and Hana Kofler; edited and foreword by Jean Bloch Rosensaft '73
catalog for exhibition at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Museum
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Jan Aronson: A Reverence for Nature

essays by Miranda McClintic and Jan Aronson; edited and foreword by Jean Bloch Rosensaft '73 and Laura Kruger
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Close to My Heart: An Autobiography

by Dorothy Dannenberg Sterling '34
Quantuck Lane Press, 2005, \$23

The Glass Castle: A Memoir

by Jeannette Walls '84
Scribner, 2005, \$25

Fifth World: A Vision Quest to Heal Mother Earth

by (Alice) Marya (Lippmann) Moryevna Wolfman '64 and illustrated by Elizabeth Shan
Wolfclan Productions, 2005, free download

POETRY

Love Song Hiroshima

by Julia Lisella '83
Finishing Line Press, 2004, \$12

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

I Like to Visit: The Aquarium

by Jacqueline Laks Gorman '77
Gareth Stevens, 2005, \$5.95/\$14.50

I Like to Visit: The Library

by Jacqueline Laks Gorman '77
Gareth Stevens, 2005, \$5.95/\$14.50

I Like to Visit: The Museum

by Jacqueline Laks Gorman '77
Gareth Stevens, 2005, \$5.95/\$14.50

I Like to Visit: The Playground

by Jacqueline Laks Gorman '77
Gareth Stevens, 2005, \$5.95/\$14.50

I Like to Visit: The Shopping Mall

by Jacqueline Laks Gorman '77
Gareth Stevens, 2005, \$5.95/\$14.50

FACULTY

Three Bhakti

Voices:

Mirabai,

Surdas, and Kabir in Their

Times and Ours

by John Stratton Hawley, Ann Whitney Olin
Professor of Religion
Oxford University Press, 2005, \$39.95

EXHIBITIONS

Something Borrowed, Something New:

Italian Women's Immigration Post World War II

photographs by Jessica Chornesky '85
Queens Museum of Art, New York
April 17 through May 13, 2005

Selfless Portraits and Mind Markings:

Laurie Israel — recent works

paintings by Laurie (Gross) Israel '68
Chapel Arts New England, Gorham, N.H.
June 24 through August 28, 2005

Faktura

works by Jacquelyn Jackson Johnston '04, Sven Barth, Santiago Rubino, and Ann Everton '04
Faktura Gallery, Miami, Fla.
April 16 through May 6, 2005

Terrain Gallery 50th Anniversary Exhibition

includes work by Marcia Rackow '60
Terrain Gallery, New York
May 7 through September 2005

Sisters of St. Margaret Art Exhibition

paintings by Sr. Marjorie (Wyson) Raphael '45
Society of St. Margaret, Boston, Mass.
April 10, 2005

FILM AND TELEVISION

David Hockney: The Colors of Music

film directed by Maryte Kavaliauskas '66 and Seth Schneidman
2005

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TALKING TO TERRORISTS

An alumna expert
on terrorism does her
academic research
the hard way:
face to face

• BY LAURA SHIN •

Terrorists open up to her, novelists befriend her, Harvard hires her, and Hollywood makes a movie starring Nicole Kidman about her.

Whether or not Jessica Eve Stern '85 is actually “the foremost U.S. expert on terrorism,” as the back cover copy of her most recent book, *Terror in the Name of God: Why Religious Militants Kill* (Ecco, 2004), claims, she is certainly the most daring and the most charmed. Stern interviewed some 75 terrorists, meeting all of them alone except for a translator, and was never scared except once—the time she interviewed Sheikh Fadlallah, a spiritual leader of Hezbollah whom the CIA allegedly tried to murder. Amazing? Yes, and even more so when you realize she’s no GI Jane, but a bespectacled scholar who stands all of 5 feet 3 inches tall.

Stern’s résumé sports a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University, a master’s from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a stint as a Stanford University Hoover fellow. But for all her brains, the plucky Harvard lecturer doesn’t seem to know what she can’t or shouldn’t do. Or, she finds out after she’s done it. *Bizarre* is one of the words she uses to describe how people judged choices she made over the years. Woven through her story are comments like “I was used to people thinking I was very weird” and “people in academe don’t do things like that.”

Ironically, taking the road less traveled hasn’t isolated Stern but landed her in the spotlight. Several achievements attest to this Barnard chemistry major’s disarming directness, indefatigable drive, and incredible bravery: She headed up the National Security Council’s interagency nuclear smuggling group for one year during the Clinton administration, which inspired the 1997 movie “The Peacemaker”; she has jetted around



Moving from a Barnard chemistry lab to Washington, D.C., to Harvard, and across the globe, Jessica Stern '85 has become a leading expert on terrorism. In her book *Terror in the Name of God: Why Religious Militants Kill*, Stern presents interviews she conducted with approximately 75 terrorists around the world.

the globe to meet terrorists from Hamas to American neo-Nazis; and has written, among other published works, *Terror ... God*. Louise Richardson, executive dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, who also studies terrorism at Harvard, praises her insight and energy and her intention to understand others rather than to judge them. "Jessica has brought a breath of fresh air to the terrorism-studies community," she says.

Stern interviewed some 75 terrorists, met all of them alone and was never scared

Stern's most unusual and remarkable contribution to the understanding of terrorism is her book *Terror ... God*, in which she recounts many of the approximately 75 interviews she conducted with terrorists over a four-year period. Stern talked with any terrorist she felt would not kill her and to whom she got access. She was often referred from one to another and was surprised to find out how much she didn't know given how much time she had spent studying terrorists. For one, she was shocked that many just consider terrorism a job. "I wasn't ready for people to say, 'I'm ready to quit, but I can't afford it,'" she says. Her interviews also made her acutely aware of the humiliation that most terrorists feel. "For the Islamist groups, they feel that Islamic civilization has fallen behind politically, economically, intellectually and that is deeply humiliating, and someone is to blame." For American terrorists, their humiliation is often based on personal experience, like the terrorist referenced in *Terror ... God* who described himself as being sickly as a boy and placed in the girls' gym class.

What were revelations to Stern were also revelations to the world. A book review by the *The New York Times* calls the book “fascinating” and “a page-turner,” and reads, “On a subject that tends to be richer in rhetoric than in detail, a writer able and willing to get this close is hard to find.” Indeed, for a project that most people would never undertake, Stern says, “I was too curious to stop—and there was nothing anyone could say that would stop me at the time.”

Before 9/11, Stern was an “eccentric” academic who didn’t just work on the relatively obscure topic of terrorism but the more specialized topic of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. Her first book, *The Ultimate Terrorists* (Harvard University Press, 2001), is a heavily footnoted academic look at terrorists with weapons of mass destruction and was written for the select community interested in the topic pre-9/11, not for the lay audience that would be interested in it today.

After 9/11, deluged with calls from reporters clamoring for a quote, Stern deleted her messages until the dean’s office, realizing what she was doing, got someone to answer her phone. “It just didn’t occur to me, to be honest, that it was really bad for the school for me to not be returning these calls,” she says. At that time, Stern was a junior faculty member and had been at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government for one year.

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the *gift* OF A LIFETIME

How four alumnae used AABC/ACHILLES
FELLOWSHIPS to pursue their dreams

By Deborah M. Staab

EACH YEAR, the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC) awards several one-year fellowships for graduate study to seniors or alumnae who show exceptional promise in their chosen field. When selecting recipients, the AABC/Achilles Fellowships committee looks for women “we believe will achieve distinction in their chosen fields, and who will continue to maintain close ties to Barnard College throughout their careers and lives,” says committee chair Judith Daynard Boies ’59.

For some, the fellowship supports the next step toward a clear goal; for others it enables them to pursue a new career. We’ve caught up with a few of the erstwhile 150 alumnae who have received a fellowship since it was created in 1963.

dissecting MEDICAL MYSTERIES

When Teri Apfelbaum '76 was a student, she used to bristle at the suggestion that one day she'd need to compromise her professional pursuits to accommodate family demands. Apfelbaum, who says the AABC/Achilles Fellowship was "the single greatest factor in helping me cover the cost of my first year of medical school," takes pride in the choices she has made to mesh the demands of her family and her career comfortably.

Like many women, she has learned the essential skill of juggling multiple roles. "While the going has not always been easy, I feel I have been fortunate in being able to achieve a workable balance." A mother, wife, and member of the AABC Fellowships committee, Apfelbaum has held a variety of medical positions over the past 25 years. Currently an associate medical director at Merrill Lynch Health Care Services, which offers a full-service, ambulatory clinic for the company's 6,000 on-site employees and assistance to the



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company's 40,000 off-site employees, she is also an assistant professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians & Surgeons. During her career, she has run a private gastroenterology practice; volunteered for the Indian Health Service, the federal program for American Indians and Alaska natives; and served as medical editor for "Cardiology Update," formerly on the Lifetime network; and for "Medical News Network," a closed-circuit, daily television show.

"I love the sheer variety of things that I do in a day and not knowing in advance what each day will bring. I love that in the course of my work I am constantly learning," she says. But there are still endeavors she'd like to pursue one day: travel, volunteering in a medical clinic, and writing fiction, a passion that has smoldered since she took a writing seminar at Barnard. She also credits the College with giving her self-confidence, lasting friendships, and role models.

"Medicine is like detective work—looking for clues, evaluating the evidence critically, taking nothing at face value, and solving the puzzle."



s h a r i n g STORIES

When she arrived in New York from Haiti at age 12, Edwidge Danticat '90 already knew that she wanted to be a writer. Her love of storytelling started with her grandmothers and aunts, who shared the traditional folktales and riddles of Haiti, their native country. When she was old enough to read, Danticat was sad to discover that the stories she'd heard from her family weren't in any books. Sad, that is, until she realized that stories can be written as well as told and thereby available to those beyond ear's reach. With that revelation, the career of an award-winning writer was launched.

At Barnard, Danticat found a nurturing environment where instructors Ann Birstein, a former adjunct professor of English; Elizabeth Dalton, professor emerita of English; and Quandra Prettyman, senior associate in English, not only encouraged her to read a broad range of authors but also supported her decision to become a writer. As a fledgling writer, receiving the

AABC/ Achilles Fellowship to pursue a master's of fine arts boosted her self-confidence immensely. Knowing that people believed in the work she was doing and, in particular, having been recognized by and awarded this fellowship through Barnard, "kept me from giving up," she says.

Since graduating from Barnard, Danticat has enjoyed a steady rise in the literary world—thanks to talent, hard work, and a deep love for what she does. Her first novel, *Breath, Eyes, Memory* (Farrar Straus Giroux, 1994), was published when she was 25 and was an Oprah Book Club selection. Her second book, *Krik? Krak!* (Vintage, 1996), a collection of short stories, was nominated for a National Book Award. Next she wrote *The Farming of Bones* (Soho Press, 1998), which won the American Book Award. Her most recent novel, *The Dew Breaker* (Knopf, 2004), was named the winner of the First Story Prize, nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award, and selected as a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Fiction prize.

The author of seven books in a number of genres and the editor of two anthologies, Danticat has been a visiting professor at the University of Miami and at New York University. Despite all of these accomplishments, she's most proud of her roles as mother, daughter, wife, sister, and friend. When asked what her goals are, she replies, "To live in peaceful times. To write more novels. To contribute to the world in whatever small or large way I can."

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learn to love WHAT YOU DO

Though she never planned to become president of Bank Street College of Education in New York, Augusta Souza Kappner '66 says, "There's what you want. Then there's what comes along and how you use that."

After majoring in sociology at Barnard and receiving a master's of social work from Hunter College, Kappner thought she'd find a job in public policy. Instead, she found work as a field instructor at Columbia's School of Social Work and received the AABC/Achilles Fellowship to support her graduate studies at Columbia in social work. While completing her degree, she worked as director of admissions and student services at SUNY Stony Brook School of Social Welfare and was then appointed chair of the human services department at LaGuardia Community College in Queens, N.Y., where she later became dean of its continuing education division.

Before being appointed president of Bank Street in 1995, she served as president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, acting president of the City College of New York (CUNY), and assistant secretary for vocational and adult education for the U.S. Department of Education during the Clinton administration.

"It's important to find work that is congruent with your values, and where you can feel positive about the goals and the people with whom you work," she says. In addition to working at Bank Street, she is vice chair of the board for the National Writing Project, a member of the New York City Department of Education's policy advisory panel, and a member of the American Council on Education's Commission on Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity. Watching her two daughters work toward careers that can provide the satisfaction and enjoyment that her career has given her is one of Kappner's great pleasures.

Another pleasure is working at Bank Street. "Right now is a challenging time for education," she says. "We need to properly prepare teachers for the future and to continue to foster diversity among them."



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w r i t i n g HISTORY

After graduating with a degree in history, Jennifer Klein '89 found herself working in the "somewhat bizarre world of New York City law enforcement" as an investigative analyst in the labor racketeering unit of the Manhattan district attorney's office. When she decided to pursue a Ph.D. in history, the AABC/Achilles Fellowship played a key role in determining the course of her future. Rather than go to a Midwestern university that had offered her a full fellowship, Klein opted to use the AABC/Achilles Fellowship toward the cost of attending the University of Virginia. There, she studied with prominent labor historian Nelson Lichtenstein, realized her future was in labor history and political economy, and met her future husband, Jim Berger.

A fellowship in governmental studies from the Brookings Institution allowed Klein to write her dissertation, which was on social policy and the welfare state,

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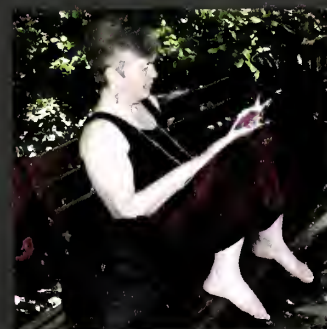
ALUMNAE AND THEIR FAMILIES ENJOYED CLASS DINNERS, A LATE-NIGHT CHAMPAGNE AND CHOCOLATE BAR, A FESTIVE GALA, AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING REUNION 2005. THERE WERE CREATURE COMFORTS: MIDDAY LATTES AT THE REUNION CAFÉ IN MILLCENT MCINTOSH STUDENT CENTER, LIVE MUSIC BY STUDENTS AT THE NIGHTCAP CABARET, AND CULTURAL OUTINGS, INCLUDING A GUIDED TOUR OF THE NEWLY RENOVATED MUSEUM OF MODERN ART AND TICKETS TO BROADWAY SHOWS. THERE WAS A FACULTY LECTURE BY RANDALL BALMER, PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, ON EVANGELICALS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA AND A PANEL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF WOMEN'S EXPECTATIONS, OBLIGATIONS, AND DREAMS OVER THE PAST FIVE DECADES. LUCY ANNE HURSTON, NIECE OF HARLEM RENAISSANCE AUTHOR ZORA NEALE HURSTON '28, AND OLYMPIC FENCER ERINN SMART '01 SPOKE AT THE ANNUAL ALUMNAE OF COLOR DINNER. PAUL TAYLOR'S DANCE COMPANY, TAYLOR 2, GAVE A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE ON CAMPUS, AND ELLEN KUSHNER '77 HOSTED AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING BY ALUMNAE OF ALL AGES.

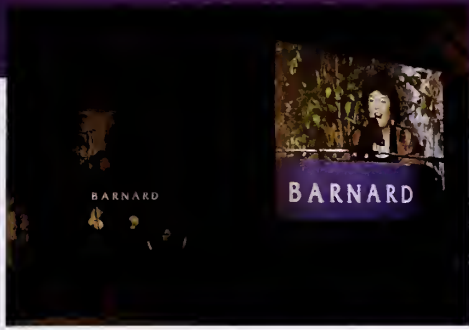




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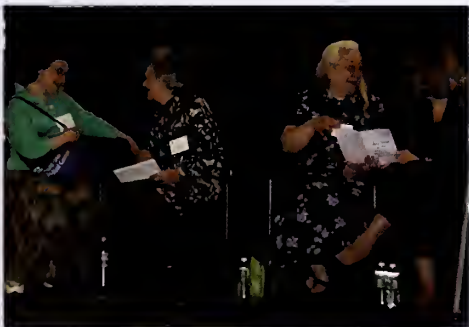
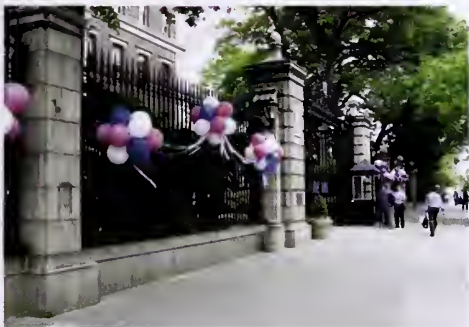
AND DIANA TOULIATOU VAGELOS '55

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

ROBIN WAGNER '80, OLYMPIC FIGURE-SKATING COACH (SEE ARTICLE ON PAGE 51)

YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD:

SARA STRANG '95, MANAGING DIRECTOR, LEHMAN BROTHERS



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AABC PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

On behalf of the board of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College (AABC), it was my pleasure to welcome back alumnae, family, and friends to Reunion 2005. Throughout the year, alumnae are welcomed back to the campus for stimulating lectures, performances, and discussion groups. The AABC board spearheads the creation of activities that engage our alumnae at all life stages, while our alumnae clubs offer many exciting events for graduates around the world. Highlights of the year:

REUNION

The reunion committee, led by Deborah Newman Shapiro '79, put together an exciting program that included a performance by the Paul Taylor Dance Company in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium, an alumnae storytelling event, a gala dinner on Saturday, class dinners, extensive Shabbat programs, and activities for children. Class officers created special events at reunion for classmates, and classes organized a number of mini-reunions during the year.

AWARDS

At reunion, Caroline Duncombe Pelz '40 and Diana Touliatou Vagelos '55 were honored with Awards for Service to Barnard; Roberta Cohen '60 was named Barnard's Distinguished Alumna; Olympic figure-skating coach Robin Wagner '80 was named Barnard's Woman of Achievement; and Wall Street executive Sara Strang '95 received the Young Alumna Award. During Commencement, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri '89 received the Columbia University Medal for Excellence and Joyce Seidman Shankman '55 received the Columbia Alumni Federation Medal for Conspicuous Alumni Service. We congratulate all of our honorees.

THE BARNARD FUND

As of June 30, when Barnard's fiscal year ended, The Barnard Fund had received gifts totaling \$5.1 million. Alumnae participation in the Fund was 36.5 percent, with 9,280 alumnae committing to this crucial effort. Advising the

Fund throughout the year is the AABC alumnae committee for annual giving (ACAG), chaired by Susan Ladner '73. Fund initiatives undertaken this year included building a case for alumnae support, publishing class fund-raising and participation rates in the Fall 2004 issue of *Barnard*, and pairing the 45th reunion class with the graduating class of 2005 through a participation challenge.

CLUBS AND REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Alumnae enjoyed a variety of literary events sponsored by the AABC. In Boston and San Francisco, alumnae heard Barnard professor and author Mary Gordon '71 read from her new novel *Pearl*. In South Florida, alumnae joined Professor Caryl Phillips and Edwidge Danticat '90 for a discussion on the immigrant experience. Alumnae in New Jersey heard from President Judith Shapiro on the state of the College, while alumnae in Los Angeles attended a panel on how Hollywood and the media impacted the 2004 elections.

Club leaders and regional representatives continue to cultivate strong boards and create exciting events. Through their hard work, alumnae around the world enjoy each other's company at club-sponsored dinners, lectures, cultural activities, and networking events. This year, clubs were revitalized in Philadelphia and Westchester, N.Y.

CAREERS

Under the leadership of Eileen Lee Moy '73, the careers committee offered events including a panel on financial planning and the annual "Smart Women, Smart Money" breakfast, which featured publishing executive Phyllis Eitingon Grann '58. The committee also sponsored a talk by author Anna Fels on the role of ambition in women's lives (see article on page 8).

LIFE STAGES

Under the leadership of Lisa Phillips Davis '76, AABC vice president, Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers) offered events including a family outing to a performance of "The Nutcracker" and a panel on buying real estate.

Under the direction of Wendy Supovitz Reilly '63, AABC director-at-large, Project Continuum: Barnard Women in Transition expanded its programming and produced the first edition of its newsletter. Supported by Annette Stramesi Kahn '67, who joined Alumnae Affairs as the group's coordinator, Project Continuum hosted an overnight trip to the historic Brandywine Valley as well as panels on health and estate-planning issues.

For the fifth year, "Lunch and Learn" events were held on campus for alumnae who graduated in the 1950s and earlier.

STUDENT/ALUMNAE EVENTS

In April, Alumnae Affairs sponsored "Tables for Ten," a series of small dinner parties for students and alumnae. Also this spring, students came to open houses at the Vagelos Alumnae Center on Friday afternoons. During the students' winter break, Alumnae Affairs worked with alumnae across the United States to coordinate "Connections Parties" for students and alumnae.

Alumnae Affairs continued its five-year partnership on the sophomore/alumnae mentorship program with the Office of Career Development and worked with student leaders on the annual senior class dinner in the spring.

FELLOWSHIPS

Through the AABC/Achilles Fellowship Fund, we recognize the academic performance and potential accomplishments of alumnae and graduating seniors with grants for graduate study. Funds for these awards come from the AABC and the Edith and Frances Mulhall Achilles Memorial Fund. From an extraordinary group of nearly 70 applicants, the fellowship committee, chaired by Judith Daynard Boies '59, awarded fellowships to Jennifer Barchfield '00 (journalism), Liza Buchbinder '99 (medicine/master's in science), Meaghan Daly '03 (medicine), Kate Fillin-Yeh '01 (public policy/urban planning), and Ruth Wikler '98 (theater).

METRO AREA PROGRAMS

The College continues to host dozens of free programs each year, including the Books Etc. series, which featured author Cristina Garcia '79 this winter. Barnard events are listed on Barnard's Web site, www.barnard.edu.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In October, the annual leadership training conference for volunteers focused on class officers who resumed their posts after Reunion 2004 and who were celebrating a reunion in June 2005. More than 100 alumnae returned to campus for training in fund-raising, club management, event planning, web communications, and more. Leadership Council will be held on November 4 and 5, 2005, for regional leaders and officers from classes ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6.

ALUMNAE OF COLOR

The alumnae association continues to deepen its commitment to reaching out to alumnae from diverse backgrounds. Ebony Wiresinger '04, who joined Alumnae Affairs in January, focuses on programs for multicultural alumnae. Under her direction, events were held for African-American, Latina, and Asian alumnae.

As in years past, a highlight for alumnae of color is the festive dinner during reunion. This year's dinner featured Olympic fencer Erinn Smart '01 and Lucy Anne Hurston, who discussed *Speak, So You Can Speak Again*, her book about the life of her aunt, Zora Neale Hurston '28.

YOUNG ALUMNAE

Under the leadership of Jessica Wells '00, the young alumnae committee sponsored a panel on career transitions that drew a large crowd of alumnae back to campus.

IN CONCLUSION...

Three years ago, I articulated a vision that the AABC would, through its activities, build a culture of "coming back" to Barnard and of "giving back" to Barnard. I'm pleased that with the help of the com-

mittees, board, and Alumnae Affairs staff, and with the support of Cameran Mason, vice president for development and alumnae affairs, and President Judith Shapiro, we've made wonderful strides in doing that. Alumnae involvement in activities sponsored by Alumnae Affairs and by the College has soared. Record numbers of alumnae have returned to campus for reunions; record numbers of alumnae have contributed to The Barnard Fund. I hope future boards will build on this momentum.

One of the wonderful perks of being involved with Barnard has been the opportunity to get to know current students, whose enthusiasm for the College has continued to stoke my love and support of the institution. I encourage you to get to know students by becoming a mentor, taking one to lunch, or just chatting with them in Barnard Hall.

I leave my post with sincere thanks to the AABC Board, a group of gifted and dedicated women, for their strong leadership and unselfish commitment to the College; Roberta Waterstone Albert '92, director of alumnae affairs; and her staff, Vanessa Corba '96, Hal Jones, Annette Stramesi Kahn '67, Aidan Smith '97, Heather Thomas '93, and Ebony Wiresinger '04, for their efforts on behalf of all alumnae.

We pay tribute to those who served on the AABC board this past year, with special thanks to members whose terms ended at reunion: President, Margarita (Ari) Brose Orr '84; Vice President, Lisa Phillips Davis '76; Treasurer, Laurie Wolf Bryk '78; Director-at-Large, Enid Lotstein Ringer '83; and Young Alumnae Chair, Jessica Wells '00.

We also welcome our new slate of officers to the board: President, Lisa Phillips Davis '76; Vice President, Myrna Fishman Fawcett '70; Treasurer, Elizabeth Yeh Singh '88; Director-at-Large, Lilly Weitzner Ickson '88; and Young Alumnae Chair, Jyoti Menon '01.

—Alumnae Association of Barnard College
President Margarita (Ari) Brose Orr '84



CLASS NOTES

20 We regret to report the death of **Elaine Kennard Geiger** on Feb. 13, her 105th birthday. She is survived by two sons, one daughter-in-law, 11 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. They have our deepest condolences.

75TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

31 We're sorry to report that **Cornelia Merchant Hagenau** died on Dec. 22. She was married to Herbert, a Lutheran minister who passed away in 1984. Cornelia received a master's at Columbia, taught Latin at Curtis High School on Staten Island, and later became a full-time homemaker who was active in her husband's church. She is survived by two brothers, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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34 We all wish **Hinda Barnett Biever** of Mamaroneck, N.Y., a speedy recovery from a recent fall.

If anyone has contact information for **Dorothy Doan Baker** of Pittsford, N.Y., please let me or Alumnae Records know. She is no

longer at the number I had for her.

Selma Denby Fagelman's husband of Shrub Oak, N.Y., tells us that she passed away in April and is survived by two sons who are doctors, one daughter who is a teacher, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Clarice Stein Smithline, 90, is alive and well in Palm Beach, Fla.

Although **Dorothy Dannenberg Sterling** lost her vision, she recently published *Close to My Heart: An Autobiography*. She summers on Cape Cod, and we must applaud her courage.

I live in a lovely senior residence in Maine and feel fortunate. I'm proud to announce that my grandson Alex received a National Science Fellowship, which will see him through his Ph.D. at Harvard University.

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35 Thanks to **Aline Joveshof Taylor**, I have the following information from our 70th reunion in June.

Mildred Kreeger Davidson (who came from the hospital to be there), **Gertrude Lober Edelstein**, **Marion Greenebaum Epstein**, **Ruth Saberski Goldenheim** and her husband, **Doris Schloss Rosenthal**, **Adele Goodman Taffet**, and Aline attended reunion. **Mary Donovan Meyer** and **Yolanda Lipari Tipograph** registered but were unable to attend.

Those who were there enjoyed a lovely sherry reception in the Vagelos Alumnae Center followed by the awards luncheon in the Ethel S. LeFrak '41 and Samuel J. LeFrak Gymnasium. Later an old film from the archives was shown depicting athletic and other activities on campus.

Some classmates who couldn't make

it to reunion also sent news.

Mary Goodson Lih and her husband live with their son at their house on the Columbia River. Their daughter, Nora Lih '66, visits frequently and is an active member of the Barnard Club of Seattle. **Pauline Tarbox Schairer** of Kenmore, Wash., and Denise Abbey '33 of Des Moines, Wash., are also members.

Grace Chin Lee Boggs is less mobile than she used to be, but she's still receiving awards. The Michigan Women's Federation gave her the Lifetime Achievement award and on June 25 the James & Grace Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership held a special event to celebrate her 90th birthday and the life and work of actor and writer Ossie Davis.

On a sad note, we must report the deaths of several classmates. **Elizabeth Hall Janeway's** death on Jan. 15, was reported by her son, Michael, a professor at Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. Her obituary in *The New York Times*, Jan. 16, 2005, described her as "91, Critic, Novelist and Early Feminist." She was born Oct. 7, 1913, in Brooklyn. Before attending Barnard, she went to school at Swarthmore College and wrote copy for Abraham & Straus. She was a best-selling novelist and a distinguished critic, lecturer, and advocate of the women's movement. In 1938 she married her husband, Eliot, who passed away in 1993. She is survived by her two sons.

Marguerite Osmun Gail passed away on Dec. 7, 2004. Marguerite is survived by a daughter, a son, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. *The New York Times* obituary for **Aline Blummer** reports that she passed away on Dec. 9, 2004. She is survived by her sister and several nieces and nephews. **Barbara Brohme** died around Jan. 1, 1975. The exact date is not known. Sadly, **Vivian White**

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Darling died on Sept. 4, 2004. We received notice from John N. Morris that his mother, **Doris Nickerson Morris**, of Arcadia, Calif., passed away peacefully on March 27, 2004 after a six-month battle with cancer.

The names of our class officers will appear in the next column.

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70TH REUNION: JUNE 10-JUNE 12, 2006

36 In February *The New York Times* reported the death of **Patricia MacManus** in Washington, D.C. Patricia was an editor, writer, and critic who worked for *Harper's Bazaar*, Houghton Mifflin Co., and Viking Press and championed writers such as Jack Kerouac and Louis Auchincloss. In her retirement, she wrote for *The Saturday Review* among other journals, and she was a volunteer reading tutor at Lenox Hill Center and Harlem Public Schools. She is survived by one sister, two nephews, and one niece, to whom we send our sympathy. I know many of us have fond memories of Patricia.

Adair Brasted Gould had a lovely week-long trip to Belgium. "Bruges is delightful, very much a Renaissance city with the old buildings still in use," she writes. Among the great works of art she enjoyed while there were the van Eyck altarpiece in St. Bavo's church in Ghent, four works by Rubens in the cathedral at Antwerp, and paintings by Hans Memling. "We enjoyed the food of the region. I had rabbit and mussels and the obligatory Belgian waffle as well as the good beer and incomparable chocolate."

Adair saw **Helen May Strauss** while visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Adair will visit the museum again with classmates from her course on ancient Egypt through the Academy of Lifelong Learning. She also plans to see the American Folk Art Museum and the newly renovated Museum of Modern Art with other docents from the Delaware Art Museum.

Adair was kind enough to share her enthusiastic comments on my book about my life at Barnard. "I thoroughly enjoyed it and found your story moving, poignant, but always hopeful. That's a remarkable set of letters, and you have generously shared them with the world. For someone of my age, who also went to Barnard when you did, the book is full of memories of that time, which for me, unlike for you, was a time of fun and friendship—along with some studying too, of course."

Thank you, Adair. Sharing is one of the most rewarding parts of writing for me. Fun and friendship were also a big part of my life at Barnard and left me great memories for a lifetime. Now, as the circle gradually thins out, I treasure them more and more.

Start thinking about reunion, which is only a year away now!

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38 It's a pleasure to have a letter from **Vera Flynn Maillet Reynolds**, who lives in Mill Valley, Calif. She's been widowed twice and now keeps busy traveling, painting, and exercising. Vera's daughter, Denise, and her husband, who are both physicians, have opened three clinics in Honduras for AIDS patients while maintaining their medical practices in San Francisco. Vera's grandson is a senior at Swarthmore College and her granddaughter is a junior at Yale University and is captain of the women's water polo team.

Frances Kleeman informed us of the death of her sister's husband, Jerry, 95. We send our deepest sympathy to **Elizabeth Kleeman Frank**, her four children, and Frances.

We're sad to report the death of **Mildred Gottlieb Taffel** in March. **Helen Hirsch Acker** tells us that she, Mildred, and several other classmates have had a weekly lunch date for many years. Mildred will be sorely missed at their lunches. Our deep sympathy to Mildred's friends and family. Helen also

writes to us about her good friend **Judith Lenert Cohen**, who passed away suddenly on April 5. "Like Mildred Gottlieb Taffel, Judith was part of a group of about 20 from our class who became close friends and shared many weekend social gatherings. Judith's mother, Belle Lenert, was the interior decorator of my very first apartment after my marriage. After Belle's death, Judith took over the business. She helped me, my mother, and my daughter with the decor of our respective apartments. Just before Judith's death she was planning to move from Westchester back to New York and I was looking forward to seeing her more frequently and enjoying her bubbly personality." Judith was active in the decorating business for 60 years, working with several other classmates along the way. We send our sympathy to her children and her grandson as well as to her many friends.

I'm sorry to report the deaths of several other classmates: **Elaine Schwabach Goldman** passed away on June 13, 2004. **Marguerite Kutschera Sewald** passed away on Feb. 3 and is survived by four children and three grandchildren. **Ann Haydock McCree** died on Feb. 15 and is survived by her husband, Donald, four children, and four grandchildren. We express our sympathy to all their families and friends.

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40 The classmates who attended our 65th reunion were **Margaret Pardee Bates**, **June Rossbach Bingham Birge**, **Muriel Sanders Blankfort**, **Jean Walline Houser**, **Ann Landau Kwitman**, **Adeline Weierich Martin**, **Caroline Duncombe Pelz**,

Muriel Byer Petruzzelli, Nansi Pugh, Agnes Cassidy Serbaroli, Florence Dubroff Shelley, Miriam Margolies Stubbs, Shirley Greene Sugerman-Rosenberg, Jane Kass Rothstein, Joan Shalit Swee, and Joy Lattman Wouk. A few of these intrepid ladies came from as far away as California, Florida, Kentucky, and England. Some brought husbands, daughters, granddaughters, or grandsons.

At the awards luncheon Caroline Duncombe Pelz was honored with the recognition award for service to Barnard (see profile on page 33). The special guest at our class dinner was Mary Cochran, chair of the Barnard department of dance, who spoke about the availability of dance as a major at Barnard.

As a panelist in the "Athena Through the Ages: Six Decades of Barnard Women Tell Their Stories" presentation, June Rossbach Bingham Birge read a reminiscence of her time at Barnard in the 1940s. It was much enjoyed.

Florence Shelley, outgoing class president, read excerpts from letters sent by classmates unable to attend. Among the many people who wrote were **Jane Flickinger Beer, Viola Peterson Butzner, Gertrude Delvy Candela, Olga Scheiner Coren, Jean Gainfort Deppert, Nanette Hodgman Hayes, Louise Preusch Herring, Naomi Letsky Kahn, Jane Hoyt Lamb, Shirley Ellenbogen Rothkrug,** and **Frances Danforth Thomas.** I'm holding several longer letters for inclusion next time.

Unfortunately, we have to end on a sad note. The class wishes to extend to Joy Wouk our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy on the death of her husband, Victor, in May. We're all glad that Joy made it to reunion.

There are other deaths to report: **Harriet Holmes Hall** passed away on Feb. 13. She is survived by four children and, according to the obituary in the *Anchorage Daily News*, by "many grandchildren and great-grandchildren." **Elizabeth Goodrich Kalkstein** died in Germantown, Pa., on Feb. 4. She is survived by three sons and one daughter. A Quaker, Elizabeth was a graduate of Germantown Friends School and attend-

ed Swathmore College before transferring to Barnard. She received a master's degree in education from Rutgers. Elizabeth was director of admissions and later vice principal of the Friends School. **Lucia Agan Shifflette** died in Templeton, Calif., on Oct. 9, 2004, and is survived by her husband, William, and two daughters.

The class sends condolences to all the families.

Along with the letters I'm saving for next time, I'm also holding an obituary for **Katherine Caragol Kennedy Montoro**, who was one of our "missing" classmates. Her nephew informed us of her passing away 18 years ago.

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65TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

41 Our 65th reunion is June 8 through June 11, 2006! Our officers already have a reunion-planning meeting arranged for 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005, at the Vagelos Alumnae Center. A buffet lunch is provided by the College. All are urged to attend, but suggestions by mail or phone are also welcome. If you've never attended reunion, you may not know that a number of extremely interesting programs, panels, and seminars are offered throughout the weekend. They're really worth the time and effort to attend. **Alice Kliemand Meyer** and **Betty Clifford Macomber** are the co-chairs. If you have misplaced their addresses, I'll be glad to forward you suggestions.

Our first news is quite old but still fun to read. John and **Doris Prochaska Bryan** celebrated their 60th anniversary in October 2004 with two weeks in London and three weeks on a boat cruise from Vienna to Amsterdam on the Danube and Rhine Rivers with stops in Belgium and Holland. What a great excursion!

Sue Riley Clagett's 90th birthday party was planned by her three children for 100 friends from all over the country. Among the guests were **Victoria Hughes Reiss** and **Ethel Stone LeFrak.** Sue says it was the best party

of her whole life, and she has a scrapbook to cherish along with memories of the band playing songs from the 1940s. She especially enjoyed her 9-year-old granddaughter, Emily, singing, "The Way You Look Tonight."

Alice Kliemand Meyer and her husband, Theodore, enjoyed their first Elderhostel trip, which consisted of a river barge tour from St. Louis to New Orleans. This year they're planning a trip to the Western National Parks.

Athena learned that **Marie Turbow Lampard** was featured in a documentary celebrating the 120th birthday of the sculptor Sergei Kononkov. Marie was senior editor of *The Uncommon Vision of Sergei Kononkov, 1874-1971: A Russian Sculptor and His Times* (Rutgers University Press, 2001). Athena also heard from **Vera Arndt Bush.** Vera lives in the Connecticut home that her late husband, Walter, rebuilt in the 1990s. Her daughter Priscilla and her husband live nearby. Vera's very proud that her granddaughter, Ana, has entered the seven-year M.D./Ph.D. program at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Sadly, **Frances Lauber Baron** passed away in January. She is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. **Jessie Tallman Gilbreth** also died in January, leaving her husband, Frederick M. Gilbreth, and three children. We also received word of the death of **Jean Egelhof Meier** on May 16. She is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren. We extend our sympathies to their families.

Remember that our 65th reunion is next year. If you can't attend, please consider sending us news for the class book.

—JRM

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42 Elaine R. Grimm, our class president, passed away on April 28. A memorial service was held at the Community Church in New York on May 12. In attendance were **Doris Bayer Coster** (our new class president), **Mabel Campbell**, **Virginia Rogers Cushing**, **Glafyra Fernandez Ennis**, **Mabel Schubert Foust**, and **Lois Voltter Silberman**. At the reception everyone talked about Elaine's life and achievements and our memories of good times together. Elaine had a very successful career. After graduating with a degree in psychology, she obtained a certificate in psychoanalysis from the William Alanson White Institute and was on the faculty there for many years. As a psychologist she worked in clinical psychology, psychiatric research, and test development. For many years she had a private practice in psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. In her retirement she remained active in professional affairs and indulged in her

hobbies: art, bridge, and traveling. She was also able to take a more active role in her church. On summer weekends at her condo in Southbury, Conn., she often played golf and gardened. Although Elaine was not in good health at the time, she organized our last mini-reunion in October. Glafyra, with whom she kept in close touch, was able to visit her during her last illness. She is survived by a godchild. We'll all miss her.

Sadly, **Marcella Lawlor Towle** passed away on Jan. 5. Marcella lived in Little River, Nova Scotia, for many years. After graduation Marcella worked in the trust department of Central Hanover Bank for eight years, then worked for 10 years as a stay-at-home mom, and later taught in Pemberton Township, N.J. Marcella was at our 50th reunion. She is survived by her husband, three sons, and sister, Mary-Elizabeth Lawlor Lynyak '38.

We regret to report the death of **Mary Jane Heyl** on Jan. 29. Mary Jane was buried at Arlington National

Cemetery. Mary Jane was a cryptographic officer with the Women's Army Corps during World War II in Africa. She later served in the Allied Force Headquarters in Italy and after hostilities was stationed in Germany. She was awarded the Bronze Star and was a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve. Later Mary Jane became a trade and development officer for the Economic Cooperation Administration in Paris and Copenhagen. In 1950 she returned to Washington, D.C., to work for the Agency for International Development until she retired. She has no immediate survivors. **Barbara Heinzen Colby** and other Washington, D.C., classmates kept in touch with her.

We recently read of the death of **Winifred Bach Frantz** in Bennington, Vt., on March 20. She graduated with a major in chemistry and in 1953 moved from Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., to Vermont, where she raised her children and horses on a family farm. She is survived by two sons,



CAROLINE DUNCOMBE PELZ '40

Recipient, 2005 Recognition Award for Service to Barnard



"I felt it was my place," says Caroline Duncombe Pelz '40, describing the first time she walked through the gates at Barnard. In June, Pelz received this year's award for lifelong service to the College at reunion.

From her days as a student in the late 1930s, she warmly remembers lectures by Julius Held, the popular art history professor, and Brooks Hall, where she lived for one of her two years on campus; she commuted from her parents' home her first two years at Barnard. Most important, she remembers her fellow students. "I knew the whole class very well," she says.

After graduating with a degree in psychology, Pelz returned to her hometown of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., in Westchester County. Soon after, she met her future husband, Ed, with whom she had four children. Pelz spent 15 years as the director of admissions at Grace Church School

in Manhattan while continuing to be an active alumna. In 1947, she was second vice president of the Alumnae Association of Barnard College and later served as AABC president, alumna trustee, and class fund chair. In 1991, Pelz was awarded the Alumni Medal from the Alumni Federation of Columbia University. After raising their children on the Upper East Side, the couple jointly donated an apartment they had used as a pied à terre to Barnard and to Colorado College, Ed's alma mater.

Today Pelz divides her time between Berlin, N.Y., 160 miles north of the city, and a retirement community in Bennington, Vt. She and her husband are avid readers who belong to a book club. When they retired in the 1980s, the pair set across the United States in a VW Westfalia camper, traveling to Colorado and California and stopping to visit Margaret Pardee Bates '40 and Shirley Ellenbogen Rothkrug '40 in Monterey and San Francisco, respectively. To this day, she exchanges holiday cards with anywhere from 40 to 50 fellow alumnae. Barnard, she says, "has been the most important thing in my life."

—Julia Cosgrove '02

two daughters, and their families.

We are all saddened by the deaths of our classmates and share our loss with their families and friends.

On a cheerful note **Elizabeth Vosler Osborn** and Robert Kent Osborn, who attended Notre Dame and Columbia University Midshipman School, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home in Huron, S.D., with their nine children.

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43 I had the pleasure of receiving a note from **Ruth Weinmann Russell**, who stressed the importance of family. She has devoted her life to her husband of 61 years and admires the success of each of her five children, all of whom are professionals. Her grandchildren range in age from 9 to 34, with a 15-month-old great-grandson completing the picture. She writes, "We live since 1949 ... in Riverdale, N.Y., enjoy our garden and the cultural opportunities in New York: opera and museums. We have our share of ailments appropriate to two people in their mid-80s, sorrow in the loss of friends and loved ones."

Are we all willing to admit being over 70?

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44 Last Thanksgiving, **Mary Davis Williams** was in Denver with her daughter's family and rejoiced in the 10 inches of snow that reminded her of growing up in Oneida, N.Y., where her physician father snowshoed or skied to see patients.

Françoise Kelz divides her travel between Europe and the United States. In April she trod the beaten path from Connecticut to Barnard "for the Torchbearers reception where I met the senior who held the scholarship I gave

years ago. Wonder who will go for our Class of 1944 scholarship next year." For her long-distance travel this summer she crossed the Atlantic on the Queen Mary II.

Last August, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, **Janie Clark Ericsson** and her husband, Eric, spent a week in a cabin overlooking Lake Donner in California with 17 members of their burgeoning family, the youngest being the 6-month-old son of a granddaughter. Four generations! A family snapshot shows a handsome, smiling group with most females sporting long, straight blonde hair. Janie and Eric spent Christmas "in the place we lived longer than any others—London."

Janie reported the death of **Joan Whiting Brush** in January. Joan was a transfer from Smith and graduated with a degree in chemistry. She worked briefly for American Cyanamid, although her life was one of community activism. Her family, which included two sons and four grandchildren, came first and somehow she found time to sing with community choral societies and to volunteer for the Camp Fire Girls, Planned Parenthood, the Red Cross Canteen and Disaster Unit, her church, and the Concert and Westchester Symphony associations. She played golf with her husband and friends and enjoyed yachting. The impact she made on the lives of others was enormous.

Not a traveler except in her active mind, **Judith Paige Quehl** occupies herself with books, writing, and research with spare time for gardening and homemaking. Her newsy notes always have suggestions for books and essays to read or for movies-made-from-books to see. She writes that **Jean Vandervoort Cullen** sold a manuscript to be made into a documentary and that **Florence Levi Foster** moved from Connecticut to New Jersey.

Massachusetts-dweller **Elizabeth Vanneman Simon** travels to New York frequently. She writes: "I'm still working part-time (post-adoption counseling), am active in the Unitarian Universalist Society, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and

other groups. I miss New York and make monthly trips there."

We've often mentioned **Helen Leale Harper**, who devotedly oversaw the restoration and maintenance of a historic town clock in Pelham, N.Y., for more than 30 years. Helen died in March 2005. She was proud of the fore-runners in her family: her grandfather, the first physician to reach Lincoln's side after he was shot, and his father, Helen's great-grandfather, who was mayor of New York and founder of Harper and Brothers Publishers. We talked at reunion, and I recall two statements she made: First, get a few shares of stock and go to annual meetings. The boards of directors need female input and it's fun to give it. Second, every year you work in the feminine movement you get a year younger.

Helen Cahn Weil writes: "We have formed a new Barnard club here in South Florida. All classes are welcome from Broward, Dade, Miami, and Palm Beach counties. Anyone interested can call me at 954-389-8443 or Marion Bachrach Wolfson '57 at 954-966-6740."

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45 The approximately 25 classmates who traveled to Morningside Heights for reunion were **Marion Mednick Asch**, **Angela Bornn Bacher**, **Phyllis Brand Bangser**, **Jean Jahr Buckner**, **Hilma Ollila Carter**, **Miriam Skinner Cartwright**, **Mary Glading Doyle**, **Jane Walsh Eddison**, **Sara Ferris**, **Gloria Johanson Finger**, **June Wals Freeman**, **Eleanor Webber Gibson**, **Harriet Hanley**, **Ruth Bischoff Hucklebridge**, **Sibyl Polke Karn**, **Lillian Tassini Kyle**, **Margaret Woolfolk LaTourette**, **Avra Kessler Mark**, **Hope Simon Miller**, **Marjorie Bruder Minchenberg**, **K. Aurelia Raciti Pouders**, **Betty Booth Smith**, **June Werner Tauscher**, **Azelle Brown Waltcher**, and **Ruth Carson West**.

What a swell party it was, thanks to Barnard and our hardworking planners, Azelle and Avra.

The class dinner was held in the Tower of Sulzberger Hall, which has a magnificent view of the Columbia campus and panoramic views of Manhattan and the Hudson River. Before and after the reunion Betty Booth Smith and Hope Simon Miller hosted parties for the class in their homes. Two classmates arrived from California and one from Colorado.

The brass bell that **M. Dare Reid Turenne** used to use to bring us to order was given to us by her family. With a nod to memory lane, it was used to get attention for a few business items.

The class directory, which was published for the first time as a resource for all classmates, was a joint gift of Ann Adenbaum in memory of her mother, **Betty Sachs Adenbaum**, and the College. Thank you for making it possible. The directory lists the slate of officers for the next five years.

Ruth Carson West, our fund chair, informs us that **Patricia Cady Remmer**, who died last year, made a major gift to the College in her will.

Regrets came from several including **Eleanor Wax Mamelok, Rhoda Oxenberg Miller, Margaret Milliken**, and your class correspondent who suffered a last-minute illness. **Jane Brunstetter Forsthoff** writes from Florida that last-minute obligations prevented her from coming. "I feel very close to the Class of 1945 and very grateful for my Barnard years." **Sr. Marjorie Wysong Raphael** has returned from Haiti and has received a doctor of divinity honorary degree from the Episcopal Divinity School at Harvard University.

Bernice Lindenberg Leicher made phonathon calls to California classmates who were unable to attend due to the distance or illness. **Victoria Glennon Gibson** of Carmel, Calif., is a graduate of Stanford Law and married to a judge. **Gabrielle Baptiste Hodges** lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., and is married to a political science professor. **May Edwards Huddleston** lives in Petaluma, Calif., but she's too far from Los Angeles to be active in the

Barnard club there. **Thais Sherman Yereimian**, a widow, runs Sherman International Consulting Services from Fairfield, Calif. **Rosalie Rudden Traumueller** of Laguna Hills, Calif., is widowed and blind, but with the help of friends, she's able to cope and be active in the community.

Life is bittersweet. Sadly we must report the death of **Virginia Conway Littau** on Jan. 23, and **Miriam Fishman Aarons** on Sept. 27, 2004. Our condolences go out to their families. We loved them both.

In the next column I'll have news from classmates who attended reunion. If you were at reunion and your name is not listed here, let me know.

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60TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

46 Barbara Busing Harris in Laconia, N.H., writes: "I am well, but full-time caregiver to my husband. Family gave me a lovely 80th birthday party last September. I'm able to keep up my out-of-print-used-book business in a small way by selling books listed on Abebooks.com." Her interest in genealogy currently has her working on her husband's family from Stowe, Vt. She's the chair of her church's stewardship committee, which decides what charities need their monetary gifts. "We have been in the Taylor community in Laconia for four years now. (Can't believe it—time does fly.) I am actually back playing bridge with some women friends (my husband's mind doesn't allow it for him anymore)," she writes.

From Bridgewater, N.J., **Doris Clark Tucher** writes: "In my last news I said that we had moved to a continuing-care retirement community in our neighborhood. It was a good move, relieving us of our daily chores and opening up new opportunities. I'm chair of our library committee, which keeps me in touch with my first loves—books and reading. We also have a subscription with bus transportation to the Newark Performing Arts Center, where we attend concerts of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. And we still live

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in the community where we have friends and activities. So it's a good life. Thankfully our children and grandchildren are happy and well. The Hawaii contingent is coming for a visit this June (saving us a trip). Can you believe we are happy not to go to Hawaii? My son is a captain in the Coast Guard stationed in Hawaii."

Jean Boeder Wetherill writes from New Jersey: "I must be having a second flowering. I am running for mayor of the city of Beverly, N.J. It seems that people who have time to be political are in our age bracket!" Good luck, Jean!

We send our care and sympathy to the family of **Joyce Walsh Burgess**, who passed away on Jan. 4. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

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47 Jeanne Bergquist Flagg organized a get-together on May 5 for a tour of Wave Hill, the Riverdale, N.Y., estate once inhabited by Mark Twain and Arturo Toscanini. Jeanne, **Sarah Ames Ellis, Ruth Maier Baer, Dorothy Rogers Dewey, Marguerite Traeris Harris-Chinkel, Meredith Nevins Mayer, Beatrice Arlt Wolfe**, and **Frances Warshavsky Zehngebot** enjoyed

lunch and a tour of the gardens.

Marguerite traveled to Switzerland for a family reunion with many cousins, and enjoyed some sightseeing as well as a visit with **Nancy Saroli Garces**, with whom she had afternoon tea in the Olympic Museum overlooking Lake Geneva. She writes that Nancy, whose husband was in the diplomatic corps, has lived in Europe for many years. Nancy and her husband did a lot of traveling and eventually decided to retire in Switzerland. She's an active volunteer in environmental and social service work and has been on her city council. Nancy knows a few languages and is now studying Russian because she plans to visit her son, who lives and works in Moscow.

Ann de Kay Galvin majored in physics at Barnard and went to work at the Office of Naval Research at Sands Point, N.Y., but later returned to her first love: music. She studied the pipe organ in New York. She continues to play many keyboard instruments. She has worked in editing and at IBM. She married, had two children, lived in Westbury, N.Y., and Syosset, N.Y., on Long Island, and then with her husband took possession of her father's house in Port Washington, N.Y. Ann loves Barnard, of which she has many fond memories. She can still recite portions of Dean Gildersleeve's addresses to us—in the appropriate tones.

Rhoda Levine Cohen writes from Jerusalem that she and her husband have moved to "a very pleasant senior citizens' residence" close to the homes of two of her children and six of her nine grandchildren. "We are very happy that all of them feel free to just drop in on us." Frances Jeffery Abramowitz '48, her class's correspondent, tells us that **Georgia Rubin Mittelman** splits her time between Florida and Vermont and has embarked on a new challenge: bridge lessons.

Amy R. DeRobertis, Barnard's stewardship officer, writes that the recipient of the Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund 2003-2004, Erin Bassett-Nova '06, whom we mentioned in the Summer 2004 issue, was an intern at the

Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees in the summers of 2003 and 2004. Ms. DeRobertis writes, "We deeply appreciate your generosity to the College, which ensures that Erin and her classmates will have the opportunity to attend Barnard, regardless of their financial circumstances." Marguerite Harris-Chinkel reports having been very much impressed when she met Erin. Don't forget to donate to our Class of 1947 Scholarship Fund!

In the absence of class news, I've had success looking up classmates on Google. If you're represented there, let me know and I can provide this column with a list of names to look up.

Finally, we've received notice of the death of Dr. **Bernice Clark** of Hampden, Mass. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

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48 Vivette Pascual D'Agati and her husband, Vincent, divide their time between Tequesta, Fla., and Chapel Hill, N.C., where they escaped last summer's numerous hurricanes. Their daughter Vivette is a nephrologist affiliated with Columbia and is the mother of two boys, one of whom attends Amherst. Their daughter Dorian is a lawyer based in Chapel Hill and is the mother of an 11-year-old daughter. Their son, Donald, is a child psychiatrist assigned to an army base. He has a son at Yale University and a daughter, Janine D'Agati '07 who was a presidential scholar and is specializing in photography.

Liselotte Schneider Laster continues to be active as an independent travel consultant.

Genevieve Kraus LaRobardier has a law practice, specializing in franchise litigation and international law. She graduated from Rutgers Law School in 1983, after raising her three daughters: Suzanne LaRobardier '77, Marie LaRobardier McGrath '80, and Genevieve, the eldest, who has five children and two step-grandchildren. Their

multiple careers include lawyer, musician, engineer, volunteer at Monticello gardens, and mother.

Elaine Mauger Waters enjoys concerts, playing bridge, seeing friends, and entertaining during the holidays, among other things. She's proud of her granddaughter, who landed a job with a major financial firm in New York, and of her three younger grandsons. We hope to say hello to Elaine at our next mini-reunion in the city.

Thanks to **Helene Wall Gersuny** for sending us news about **Janet Wright Sullivan**, now professor emerita at the Rhode Island School of Design. After Barnard, Janet attended graduate school at Brown University, taught writing, wrote novels, and published poetry in numerous literary journals. Janet's poem, "Above Rhode Islands," was featured in the poetry column of the *Providence Journal*: "Flying over where you live is seeing it from so far away you know it as a map. How beautiful those bays and points of land you achieve so slowly on the ground, the way they split the steaming opal of the sea-like waking to find a self-made giant in a galaxial home."

In closing, we're most sorry to report the death of **Patricia Hale Tyson** on March 6. Patricia was active in alumnae affairs and formerly served as class president. She was also former president of the women's auxiliary of Presbyterian Hospital and was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club. Our condolences to her husband, Jack, their six children, and six grandchildren. **Nora Robell**, our class president, represented us at Patricia's memorial service. We had this note from **Helenmae Wolfert Ziegler**: "As one of her college roommates while at Barnard, I mourn the loss of my dear friend, Patricia Hale Tyson. Her good humor and vivacity brought much happiness to all who knew her, and her friendship made the years at Barnard more pleasurable for **Susan Steketee Freihofer** and me. Patricia will be sadly missed by her husband, her children, and her many friends. In sorrow, but with many fond memories, Helen."

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49 Congratulations and all our support to **Ruth Musicant Feder** in her new role as class president.

Sadly her predecessor, **Marilyn Karmason Spritz**, died unexpectedly on April 12. It seemed most uncharacteristic when she didn't answer my e-mail regarding a mini-reunion. Then I learned that she had died. She appeared to be in good health and spirits at our 55th reunion.

Marilyn was elected class president at our 30th reunion and served the position until her death. In spite of the many new contacts she made in medicine at the Weill Cornell School of Medicine, in her psychiatry practice, and in the art world—especially the Majolica International Society—she stayed close with her friends from her student days. A chemistry major and premed, she was also on the staff of the *barnard bulletin* and was our yearbook editor. It was then that I became friends with Marilyn, as did **Marion Hausner Pauck** and **Marilyn Heggie de Lallo**. A few of Marilyn's friends sent me their reactions to her death:

"It seems as if the glue holding our class together dissolved with the death of Marilyn ... She was the one to whom many of us turned throughout our lives with our personal problems—she reassured us and helped us with smiling equanimity."

"Marilyn's eclectic interests covered such diverse areas as her medical career, expertise in everything, and expert technique in needlepoint. A display of small needlepoint rugs and pillow covers in Tiffany's windows [was Marilyn's handiwork]."

"On our way ... to the cemetery ... I reminisced with my husband how proud we all were of Marilyn even way back in 1949. We had no doubt she would be accepted into Harvard Medical School. She had the goods ... excellent grades ... and the vibrant personality to go with it."

"During the years I visited New York ... Marilyn and her wonderful husband always treated me royally. ... Their combined intelligence and sense of humor was a joy. I shall miss her very much."

Offering comfort when a brother died, rescuing one daughter from a blizzard, cutting the red tape involving specialty care for a sick husband are all examples of Marilyn's helpful intervention. "So many connections and now she is gone. I can only guess how many other classmates she helped during her life's journey."

Marilyn is survived by her husband, Norton, a daughter, and three grandchildren. Our condolences to them.

We also extend our condolences to the family of **Margaret Ward**, a social worker and civil rights activist who worked in Minneapolis and in Saskatchewan, Canada. She is survived by two nieces and one nephew.

Send your memories of Margaret to us and we'll pass them on to the family.

On a lighter note, **Victoria Ann Boothby Ross**, "forced out of Manhattan by financial squeeze," now lives in Yonkers, 11 miles from Barnard. She's still acting and played the lead in two productions of the musical "Spitfire Grill."

Any news you sent that isn't included here will appear in the next issue.

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50 The 54 classmates who attended our 55th reunion were **Rose Sgammato Annis, Carolyn Kimmelfield Balleisen, Elaine Wiener Berman, Iris Roven Blumenthal, Vilma Mairo Bornemann-Caraley, Marilyn Winter Bottjer, Charlotte Jarvis Brewer, Carolyn**

Ogden Brotherton, Betty Sanders Buchsbaum, Jean Scheller Cain, Susan Bullard Carpenter, Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, Chrissy (Chrysie) Mamalakos Costantakos, Jean Moore Cooper, Jean Zeiger Cunningham, Patricia Curran Dowd, Marilyn Miller Flitterman, Beverly Beck Fuchs, Noreen McDonough Fuerstman, Tamara Clement Gianis, Sally Margoshes Goldblum, Gail Gould, Virginia Potter Held, Zoan Fox Hessmer, Christina Lammers Hirschhorn, Alice Sterling Honig, Enid Tucker Johnson, Mary Louise Luginbuhl Kearns, Marjorie Lange, Elizabeth Coryllos Lardi, Naomi Cooper Loewy, Eleanor Peters Lubin, Maureen McCann Miletta, Irma Socci Moore, Isabel Berkery Mount, Carol Steinhorn Mucci, Barbara Novak, Eva Miodownik Oppenheim, Doris Adelberg Orgel, Gloria Spamer Rennert, Marguerite Maier Rothschild, Mildred Moore Downs Rust, Cecile Singer, Myra Koh Sobel, Bernice Fiering Solomon, Adele Estrin Stein, Hannah Dunitz Stein, Nell Surber, Esther Mendelsohn Thailer, Roselin Seider Wagner, June Feuer Wallace, Ellen Fishbein Weiss, Florrie Levison Wertheimer, Miriam Scharfman Zadek, and Laura Pienkny Zakin.

After 37 years in Scarsdale, Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum and her husband bought an apartment in Manhattan. She makes the trip to the federal courthouse by subway and since "federal judges never need to retire," still "enjoys the most interesting job in the world."

Nell Surber attended her first reunion, starting with the highly successful cocktail party hosted by the Cedarbaums, and enjoyed it so much she came up to Barnard the next day. She maintains an apartment in New York but lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she has retired as director of economic development for the city.

Chrissy (Chrysie) Mamalakos Costantakos attended with her daughter.

ter Anastasia Costantakos Ben-Gurion '78 and her granddaughter Alexandra Ben-Gurion who intends to attend Barnard this fall.

Myra Koh Sobel had an exhibition of her paintings at the Jadite Galleries on 10th Avenue. Judging from the example on the announcement, she's an accomplished artist.

Florence Fox King and her husband, Peter, have lived for 30 years in Southwest France near Bordeaux "in an old water mill" five minutes from their vineyard, Château Brandeau, which is run by their son. "Visitors are welcome, let us know in advance."

Jean Zeiger Cunningham also co-owns a vineyard with her son. Theirs is in California (Cabernet Sauvignon). She has retired as a flutist from the Oakland Symphony Orchestra and as the orchestra's librarian. She's still in charge of the Paramount Library.

Elizabeth Coryllos Lardi contributes to the class wine theme: Her husband imports wine from Italy. She is still active in pediatric medicine as a lactation consultant. She and her husband have a farm in upstate New York (complete with 40 Angus, four goats, two horses, two donkeys, one cat, and four miniature horses).

Zoan Fox Hessmer also has a son who now runs her former business. She fills in for him part time, but is even busier as treasurer of her church.

Basilia Welch Abel Smith regrets not being at reunion, but she doesn't get here from London very often.

Barbara Dawson Briller moved to Seattle, Wash., about three years ago to be near her children and recommends a visit there to see the new library, "the No. 2 sight for visitors" (after the Space Needle). She thinks she could "fake a pretty good tour by now."

Hannah Dunitz Stein is a published poet living in Davis, Calif. Her most recent collection is titled *Greatest Hits*. She remembers when Dylan Thomas came and "talked" his poetry to the English majors at Barnard.

Another poet, Betty Sanders Buchsbaum has given numerous readings from her poetry book, *The Love Word*, in the last year.

Oxford University Press will publish Virginia Potter Held's most recent book, *The Ethics of Care: Personal, Political and Global*.

Vilma Mairo Bornemann-Caraley is senior editor "as needed" for her husband, Jim, who is president of The Academy of Political Science, editor of its journal, and publisher of its books.

Iris Roven Blumenthal paints with oils, attends art classes, and participates in local art shows. She volunteers regularly at the Chicago Architecture Foundation, editing tour guides and docent manuals.

Alice Sterling Honig was given the Lifetime Achievement in Child Development award by the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children. Her book, *Secure Relationships: Nurturing Infant/Toddler Attachment in Child Care Settings*, has been published in Seoul, Korea.

Jean Moore Cooper enjoys skiing and playing tennis in Sun Valley, Idaho. She's temporarily back at work as an interior designer with one big job. Then she will retire "with no qualms."

Miriam Scharfman Zadek reports with relief that her grandson returned from Iraq last winter, "so a year of anxiety is now over." She and her husband have a new address in Lutherville, Md.

Adele Estrin Stein is happy that "after all these years," she and Bernice Ficing Solomon both live in Stamford, Conn., and "can look across the intersection into each other's windows."

Susan Bullard Carpenter, who lives full time on Cape Cod with her husband, is very proud that her granddaughter has been accepted to Stanford University, Class of 2009.

We send our sincere condolences to **Martha (Marty) Greene Lewis** and her husband. Their son died at age 52 on April 24, of undetected cancer. Marty had planned to attend reunion and writes, "I am and have always been proud of my college and my friends from there."

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51 Jacqueline Kunitz Capiello writes: "I just wanted to let [classmates] know that I am moving from Canada back to Florida. My daughter, son-in-law, and two lovely grandchildren live in St. Petersburg, so that is where I am heading. The horrible winters in Canada have nothing to do with my decision to move, of course." Her primary reasons are her grandchildren. Her granddaughter, 3, called Jackie to tell her about eating strawberries and about planning a trip to pick blueberries with her mother and baby brother. The baby, born Nov. 2, is already crawling. "I figure I had better hurry down there before they start applying to college," writes Jackie. If you'd like to know Jackie's new address, you can contact me.

Sadly, I have to inform you of the passing of classmates. **Joy Angelillis Dugan** passed away on Feb. 18. She is survived by her husband, her daughter, and two grandchildren. We extend our deepest sympathy to Joy's family.

Barnard sent our class officers a note, reminding us that our 55th reunion is June 8 through June 11th, 2006. Please save the dates! If you can help with the planning and/or the arrangements, please get in touch with President **Bernice Liberman Auslander** (baus@cs.umb.edu); Vice Presidents **Molly Cammack Simmons** (chetnmol@aol.com) or **Carol Burnham Travis** (cbtravis@earthlink.net); Treasurer **Marisa Macina Hagan** (marisahaga@aol.com); or me.

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52 Beatrice Nissen Greene and her husband, David; **Miriam Schapiro Grosof**; **Carol Connors Krikun**; **Claire Delage Metz**; **Marietta**

Dunston Moskin; Ruth Ryskind Ohman; Marilyn Rich Rosenblatt and her husband, Peter; **Marie (Manya) Kopman Salwen; Elizabeth Bache Shwal;** and I gathered on June 4 to take advantage of a smashing reunion program at the College. Highlights included a dance performance by Paul Taylor's Taylor 2 dance company in the Ethel S. Lefrak '41 and Samuel J. Lefrak Gymnasium and "Athena Through the Ages," a program in which an alumna from each of the past six decades told a story about her undergraduate years. We ended the day with dinner at Le Monde.

In April **Norma Glaser Justin;** Carol; Marietta; Marilyn and her husband, and their friend Sunnie Miller; **Rosemary Tartt** and her friend Joseph Pullara; **Amelia (Amy) Mallas Vlahos;** and I took a docent-led tour of The Isamu Noguchi Museum in New York and had lunch.

A few days later, Marietta flew to Biberich, Germany, to participate in a 60th anniversary commemoration of the liberation of the Lindele internment camp, one of several camps in which Marietta was interned during World War II.

Gloria Wyeth Neumeier recently returned from lecturing on a ship sailing from Dubai, UAE, Egypt, and Oman. At home in California, Gloria teaches global issues courses about the Middle East and the Balkans to adults. "Such lovely work," she comments, "no term papers to correct and interested students who, because they are older, have wonderfully divergent views."

In an article published in *The New York Times* on April 28, **Francine Du Plessix Gray** shared memories of her life in America with reporter Ginia-Maria Bellafante '86.

Evelyn (Evie) Grey Muller writes that she lives in New York, has been working as a real estate broker for almost 25 years and has no thought of retiring. Her work is stimulating and interesting, and she enjoys the many associations it brings. Her husband, Skip, a retired CPA, is pursuing his second—and favorite—career as a jazz musician playing at a Greenwich

Village jazz club two nights a week. Their two children are grown and live in New York, and they have one grandchild who's going to school at Browning.

Joan Semerik Goldman administers a program in developmental and remedial reading in Great Neck, N.Y., elementary schools and has no intention of retiring. Her husband, Herbert, a pediatrician, is studying at Columbia for a master's in nutrition. Their daughter Jill lives in Boston; their daughter Alice lives in Short Hills, N.J.; and their son, Robert, lives in Whitefish Bay, Wis.

Claire Delage Metz is the proud grandmother of Alexandra Claire Metz, born on April 12 and the youngest of Claire's six grandchildren.

Gremlins got into the spring issue's Class Notes and noted that **Tova Hellerman Bulow's** summer home is in Long Beach, Calif. In fact, her summer home is in Long Beach, N.Y. Sorry for the slip up. Enjoy your summer in Long Beach—a town that's very close to my heart because I grew up there.

Sadly, I must report the death of **Marjorie Loebel Sobel.** Our sincere condolences to Marjorie's husband, Alan, and her other family members. Gifts to the Class of 1952 Memorial Scholarship in her name are most welcome, and her family will be notified.

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53 Ann Kelly Newton writes from Greencastle, Ind., that she went to Liberia in January for three weeks to teach "Dealing with Traumatized Children" to United Methodist school teachers and pastors. In the fall she'll go to Australia for five weeks to do the same. She feels that it's a social worker's dream come true.

Constance Benjamin Clery made two keynote speeches about campus safety: one in Denver in May, the other in Philadelphia in June.

Margaret Nancy Underwood Lourie arranged a get-together with **Louise Finkelstein Feinsot, Constance Alexander Krueger,**

and **Barbara Glaser Sahlman** at a New York restaurant. "We all had a terrific time. It's great to be able to sit down with old college friends."

Sadly, we report the death of **Carmel Roth Bernstein** on Dec. 3, 2004. She lived in Orangeburg, N.Y. **Felice Dresner** informs us that Carmel is survived by her husband, Bernard, two daughters, and two grandsons.

After three fabulous weeks in China, Gene and I went to New York to attend his 50th reunion at NYU Medical School. In one of the daytime lectures tracing the history of immunology, **Rochelle Reibman Hirschhorn** and her husband, Kurt, were cited for their contributions. At the evening dinner we sat with **Lida Traum Keltz** and her husband, Harold. It was nice to see a familiar face.

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54 This is a great year for honors for our classmates. **Myriam Morgenstein Sarachik** is the North America Laureate of the L'ORÉAL-UNESCO for Women in Science award 2005, which was presented at a special ceremony in Paris. Myriam also won the Alice E. Buckley Prize in Condensed Matter Physics for 2005 and the Sloan Public Service Award for 2004.

Jeanine Parisier Plottel was the featured speaker at the 39th gala of the metropolitan chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French, where she lectured on the legacy of Jean-Paul Sartre. She spoke at the Jewish Museum in May on Marcel Proust.

Arlene Kelley Winer was honored at the annual meeting of the North Castle Historical Society for her award-winning documentary on the Briarcliff International Auto Race of 1908, the first international auto race in the United States.

Another lost classmate has been located, thanks to her daughter browsing the Internet. **Lily Roessink de Kursell** was married in Peru in 1955 and lives in Madrid, where she moved in 1971. She was a simultaneous interpreter for 40 years and is still called upon. Lily would love to hear from you, as would **Mary Louise Casaula Mangieri** of Florida, who'll be in New York until October 15. Contact me if you want to reach a classmate but don't know how.

This is a time in many of our lives for changes—of address, business, etc. **Ellen Lee Mangino** is selling her Dix Hills, N.Y., home of 48 years and is moving to a smaller place she owns in Riverhead, N.Y. She'll be around the corner from her daughter and closer to her 11 grandchildren. She is particularly proud of one 16-year-old who just won a scholarship to Spain for a month. **Sylvia Beyer Wenzel** is moving from College Point, N.Y., to Macungie, Pa. **Shirley Henschel** has relinquished management, but not ownership, of her

licensing company, Alaska Momma, to another company. She now spends several months of the year in Florida.

A get-together was held at the Rockefeller Institute. It combined a concert recital with a buffet lunch in the library. Attending were **Rosemary Ronzoni Bisio, Ronda Shainmark Gelb, Beatrice Sliosberg Lehman, Marion Siskind Liebowitz**, Ellen Lee Mangino, Jeanine Parisier Plottel, **Renee Shakin Rakow**, and **Doris Barker Shiller**. It was so well-received, another may be held in the fall. How about you non-New Yorkers organizing one in your part of the world?

A highlight of our fabulous, fascinating trip to Australia and New Zealand was dinner with **Geraldine Kirschenbaum Lane** and her husband, Fred, and a subsequent whole day of sailing in world famous Sydney harbor and its environs with Fred and two of his friends on a 35-foot sailboat.

We end with condolences to the family of **Joan Blumenthal Merel**, who passed away on Feb. 18.

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55 Seventy-five classmates attended our 50th reunion, which was a resounding success. Thanks to the efforts of our outgoing class president, **Barbara Silver Horowitz**, who hosted the Thursday cocktail party with her husband, Gedale, and to the efforts of our reunion chair, **Renee Becker Swartz** (our incoming class president), our networking chair, **Florence Federman Mann**, and her committee, **Barbara Kahn Gaba** and **Carol Held Scharff**. Carol also edited our reunion booklet, ably aided by **Gayle Abouchar Jaeger**, producing a compilation of bios submitted by 97 classmates. It would be remiss of us to forget the untiring efforts of our fund chairs, **Duane Lloyd Patterson, Gisela von Scheven Fort**, and **Diana Touliatou Vagelos**.

We floated from substantive lectures and panels to live entertainment (the

Paul Taylor dance company and a student dance performance), from picnic lunches to cocktail parties, and from elegant dinner dances to champagne and chocolate late night buffets. Diana Touliatou Vagelos was honored at the awards luncheon for service to Barnard. President Shapiro recited Diana's student record of service to the class and noted the gift of the Vagelos Alumnae Center from Diana and her husband. As she accepted the award, Diana admitted that she was an absent alumna for many years and upon her reentry to alumnae activities discovered that Barnard has been thriving.

Dasha Amsterdam Epstein, Barbara Kahn Gaba, **Marcella Jung Rosen Sacks**, Renee Becker Swartz, and **Marlys Hearst Witte** were featured on the panel that focused on the expectations, obligations, and dreams we shared 50 years ago.

As part of the storytelling event, "Athena Through the Ages: Six Decades of Barnard Women Tell Their Stories," **Sylvia Simmons Prozan** recited her essay. She described the panty-raid incidents during the 1950s and did it so successfully that we convinced her to repeat the story at the class cocktail party. Sixteen of our talented class authors placed their books on display for Friday night's class dinner. Thank you **Norma Haft Mandel** for helping me organize the book tables.

In addition to the alumnae mentioned above, in attendance were: **Isabel Casson Beltzer, Sonia Kase Berke, Josey Cartisser Briggs, Mary Brown Cannaday, Tamara Rippner Casriel, Rita Ronzoni Castagna, Lalitha Kale Harish-Chandra, Janet Moorhead Dotson, Bessie Carasoulas Economou, Eva Nauenberg Faillace, Marjorie Lobell Feuerstein, Renee Altman Fleischer, Jane Were-Bey Gardner, Patricia Dykema Geisler, Carol Gordon Greenholz, Doris Joyner Griffin, Barbara Brody Heyman, Janet Kauderer Hutcheson, Hannah Saloman Janovsky, Joyce Lebois Johnson, Florence Kavalier, Pauline Skornicki Kra, Barbara Neogy**

Lapcek, Judith Goldstein Levin, Dawn Lille, Erica Rosenzweig Lindenstrauss, Beryl Greidinger Long, Marion Toman Marchal, Judith Moftey Marshall, Elisabeth Graff Merrett, Carol Hiller Morey, Agathe Nadai, Elizabeth Hejno Norden, Eileen O'Connor, Hiroko Imai Oka, Elin Brown Ozdemir, Geraldine Bruger Pollen, Laurel Kagan Rabin, Eva Isaak Rossman, Barbara Di Micco Salotto, Nan Kuvn Schneider, Sydel R. Brown Schulman, Kathryn Shohl Scott, Ellen Blumenthal Sehgal, Mirella d'Ambrosio Servodidio, Louise Cohen Silverman, Toni Lautman Simon, Susan Creter Sinton, Pearl Canick Solomon, Audrey Appel Sterenfeld, Rena Feuerstein Strauch, Joan Rudden Stuckart, Charlotte Monastersky Swartz, Hessy Levinsons Taft, Judith Rosenkrantz Tager, Judith Rubin Ullman, Joyce Shimkin Usiskin, Mary Hetzel von Conta, Alice Bilgrei Weinbaum, Charlene Gesell White, and Anne Lachman Wilson.

Sadly, one of our classmates died this year, and we extend our sympathies to her family. Pierre Blanchenay of Versailles, France notified the College of the death of his sister, **Jeanne Blanchenay Houghton**, on Jan. 25, in Aix-en-Provence, France. She had married Pierre Kerblat, a naval officer who died in a mission in 1957. Jeanne subsequently married Seymour Houghton, who died in 1998. She is survived by two sons and four grandchildren, all of whom live in France.

Condolences are overdue to two of our classmates who lost their husbands this year. Jean Pierre Gouyet, the husband of **Lenore Prostick Gouyet**, died on May 7, in France, and Hannah Saloman Janovsky's husband died on Nov. 15, 2004. Hannah continues to privately tutor children with learning differences. She has been invited to participate in a conference in Berlin this fall on exile and its impact on women. She expects to share the experience with her daughters and show them where her

family came from.

On May 28, Louise Cohen Silverman and her husband, Bob, became the happy grandparents of Miles Tobias Silverman, who was born in Seattle to their son Alex and his wife. Miles is their eighth grandchild.

Judith Rosenkrantz Tager announced at reunion that she and her husband, Milton, are moving from South Carolina to Georgia, near their three daughters and grandchildren.

Mirella d'Ambrosio Servodidio will be acting as university liaison to the Scholars at Risk organization, which is devoted to protecting the academic freedom of scholars living in despotic conditions in countries that attempt to squelch that freedom. Mirella will be placing scholars in American universities, affording them a safe haven in which to continue their research. In May she traveled to Eastern Europe for an opera tour. She serves on the steering committee of Barnard's Project Continuum, which plans programs for alumnae who are 50 and older.

Barbara Silver Horowitz was one of three honorees at the annual Purim Ball held on March 2 at the Jewish Museum. As co-chair of the exhibition committee, Barbara was instrumental in securing the noted exhibit, "Jewish Women and Their Salons." She had previously served as chair of the museum's fine arts acquisition committee.

My husband, Clive, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June. I'd appreciate hearing from others who've been equally fortunate, so that an appropriate golden tribute can be fashioned for a future issue. Please give the date of marriage, number of children, and grandchildren. Thank you.

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50TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

56 Myra Baker Shayeovitz, M.D., is consultant to the New York State Division of Disability Determinations. She was recently appointed to the New York

State Board for Medicine. She writes, "I am on the faculty of the Upstate Medical University in Syracuse and what a wonderful surprise to find Julie Cohn '04 as one of my students. My granddaughter, Tina, is now a first-year premed student at the University of California, San Diego. My son, Adam, has a master's in business administration in international business, and my daughter, Jessie, is a veterinarian here in Syracuse, N.Y. My 13-year-old grandson, Noah, is a performing jazz pianist. His brother, Sam, is 11."

Gibbi Lyons Cox says she is on her second or third career ("raising kids counts") as a graphic artist at the East Brunswick, N.J., public library. "It's very satisfying," she says. Her three children have become "competent, talented, and thoughtful adults; three grandkids are coming along nicely."

Barbara Miller Lane, emeritus professor in the humanities and McBride Professor of History of Art and Cities at Bryn Mawr College, has been awarded a Mellon Foundation Emeritus Fellowship to work on "American tract houses of the 1950s and 1960s: a critical reinterpretation." Barbara holds a doctorate in history from Harvard University and has received more than a dozen major grants and fellowships.

Our 50th reunion is sneaking up on us. Treat yourself to a special (what could be more special?) weekend in New York, June 8 through June 11, 2006.

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57 "Last October at Coenties Slip and Water Street, a backhoe operated by a parks department contractor struck something hard and unexpected." **Joan Hyams Geismar**, urban archaeologist and Barnard's "department of buried things," was called to the scene. She cleaned off what appeared to be a 13-foot log connected to a longer log. To the untrained eye, these looked like remnants of a derelict building, but

Joan recognized them as water pipes. Not just any water pipes, but among the city's first, and remarkably, they're still intact. And so begins a story of New York's water supply.

Katharine Spalding Cunningham writes: "My grandson Nathaniel Darst, 14, is a student in the Royal Danish Ballet school and often appears in productions of the RDB company in Copenhagen. His mother is Katherine Cunningham Darst '79. Brother Theo Darst will be a first-year student at Sarah Lawrence College in September. Another grandson, Thomas Anawalt, has been accepted at Columbia for next year. His mother is Sasha Cunningham Anawalt '79. Barnard reigns!"

One of the candidates in the upcoming Phoenix elementary-school district election, **Louisa Rowell Stark** says, "We need to do a better job at integrating all parents in schools by offering them adult education opportunities and showing them how to help their kids even if they're not fluent in English."

Philomena Nardoizzi taught math at A.B. Davis (now Mt. Vernon High School) from 1958 to 1964, when she left to teach at Roslyn High School. "Teaching at Davis was a wonderful experience, and I have many fond memories and friends from my years there. I was particularly pleased to learn that a 2003 graduate from MVHS is attending Barnard and hope to follow her progress." Philomena had given to a scholarship to help Alyson Baker '07 attend Barnard.

Gloria Strassheim Freundlich graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry - New Jersey in 1984. She's a board-certified family practitioner doing integrative/alternative medicine, i.e., cranial osteopathy, schematic therapy. She and her husband have traveled to Asia several times. This summer she went to Israel for the bar mitzvah ceremony of her grandson. Now this must set a record: She currently has 38 grandchildren. Gloria lives in Lakewood, N.J., and has an office there, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and in East Meadow, N.J.

Hannah Shulman Decker writes from Houston that she works full time

as a professor of history at the University of Houston. She received the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Teaching Excellence Award in the humanities. She and her husband, Norman Decker (CC '57), celebrate their 48th anniversary in August. She has two children and four grandsons.

Finally, we send our deepest sympathy to the husband and family of **Barbara Rosenberg Grossman** who died on Dec. 20, 2004.

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58 In June 2004 **Clarice Debrunner Anderes** retired after 25 years of heading the science department, teaching physics, and pinch-hitting in chemistry for the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) on the Newport Naval Station. Contrary to what Clarice thought before she worked for NAPS, to get a position at a service academy you have only to apply to the academy and request an appointment from your congressional representatives. If the service academy decides they want you, they'll ensure you get an appointment. As one of the perks of retirement, Clarice and her husband were able to go on a 10-day Caribbean sailing trip in the Grenadine Islands this winter. Clarice has three children and six grandchildren whose ages are "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—an amusing sequence," she observed.

Clarice also mentioned that for her reunion was most worthwhile. Many of us share her sentiments and have shown a desire to keep the good vibes going. **Doris Platzker Friedensohn**, our co-president, sent the following message via our class listserv (bc58@barnard.edu): "Some conversations from our big 45th reunion and the gathering last spring in New Jersey still play in our heads. We're thinking particularly of those concerning activism, making changes, and coming to terms

with change in our own lives. The honest talk created a sense of connectedness—even among women who have had little or no contact over the years. These connections and the history they build on are textured—and full of surprises. They are worth sustaining."

Toward this end, our class has been staging regional mini-reunions. The first of this year was a luncheon held in my home in February. **Hannah Razdow Simon**, my co-correspondent, who was staying with **Betty Reeback Wachtel**, was able to attend. Other South Florida residents were there: **Rhoda Lichtig Kleid**, **Annette Raymon Smith**, **Jacqueline Flato Weinhausen**, and **Frances Ritter Weisman**. **Annelly Bayles Deets** came down from Atlanta. Each woman brought a dish, we broke bread, and the conversation just flowed. When Barnard women get together, good things happen.

A second mini-reunion was held for class members in the New York metropolitan area at the home of **Myrna Ziegler Weiss** in March. This cocktail party featured a spectacular sunset overlooking Central Park. In addition to Doris and **Carol Schott Sterling**, our co-presidents, **Jane Epstein Gracer Blumenfeld**, **Joan Sweet Jankell**, **Judith Carlinsky Lack**, **Nancy Morse**, **Nancy Meth Sklar** and her husband; **Sara Frishberg Skolnik**, **Myrna Ziegler Weiss** and her husband; and **Barbara Barre Weintraub** and her husband, were in attendance. Jane reports: "We all seemed to enjoy each others' company. We shared some sad and happy news: the passing of Carol's husband, Fred Burke, Joan's retirement day that coincided with our gathering, and the upcoming publication of Doris' book with its special twist on food."

Other mini-reunions are in the planning stage—one in particular for southern Connecticut. Watch for announcements in this column or by e-mail. If you're willing to host a gathering in your home, let us know. Your class officers will help.

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59 **Daphne Abeel** writes: "A new project has been editing a series of essays about the city of Cambridge in celebration of the Cambridge Historical Society's centennial. Tentatively titled 'A Century of Cambridge: The Life of a City in the Twentieth Century,' it will be published

in the fall. Otherwise I continue at my journalism job, play chamber music, am brushing up on my French for a trip this summer. In spite of losing a good half dozen friends this year, life continues to hold many surprises. I wish everyone well."

Lillian Wishnia Rand, who works part time as a therapist, reports that this has been a great year for her. In April she became a semifinalist in the New York City International Competition for Outstanding Amateur Pianists. "I was shocked and thrilled to discover that I was one of 10 out of 34 who made it to the second round. Some day

I hope to make it to the third round, the finals." Lillian studies piano privately in the evening division of Juilliard. Her other happy news is that two of her three daughters, Marcelle, an advertising executive, and Rebecca, a psychotherapist and coach in private practice in Manhattan, have gotten married. Her third daughter, Victoria, is a successful physician and acupuncturist in San Francisco.

Audrey Gold's husband, Irwin, passed away in October. Audrey has since moved from Woodmere, N.Y., to Huntington N.Y., after spending the winter in Highland Beach, Fla. She's



ROBERTA COHEN '60

Recipient, 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award



Roberta Cohen '60, who received the 2005 Distinguished Alumna Award at reunion, says a quote from Margaret Mead '23, a past winner of the Distinguished Alumna Award, has always been a great guide and inspiration to her. "She said, 'Never doubt that a small

group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has,'" Cohen reflects. "I've always thought it is important to do something with your knowledge to make a difference."

In her efforts to raise international awareness of human rights issues and the plight of internally displaced persons—those forcibly uprooted inside their own countries as a result of civil wars and ethnic strife—Cohen played a significant role in making possible the appointment of a special representative of the U.N. secretary-general on internally displaced persons and in producing together with Francis Deng, representative of the United Nations secretary-general on internally displaced persons from 1992 to 2004, the first major study about the 25 million persons uprooted in more than 40 countries. Refugees who cross borders benefit from an international system of protection and assistance, "but there was no attention being paid to people who are caught up in rampages of violence, assaults, and starvation in their own countries," says Cohen. She has

worked to put the issue on the international agenda through writing articles, books, and op-eds to promote awareness; speaking in international fora; organizing an international consultative process with Deng to help define internally displaced persons and to develop human rights standards applicable to them; advocating with governments and international organizations; and working with groups and organizations in their own countries to build their capacity. "I have always had a great attraction to the rest of the world," she says.

Studying government and history at Barnard gave her the tools "that became the foundation of my professional life," notes Cohen, who earned her master's in international relations at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. "I didn't want to just pursue the academic direction; I wanted to do both scholarship and practical applications. It's a big world so there's a lot of work."

Now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a leading think tank based in Washington, D.C., Cohen also serves as co-director of The Brookings Institution-University of Bern Project on Internal Displacement and as principal adviser to the representative of the United Nations secretary-general on the human rights of internally displaced persons.

"When I began focusing on internally displaced persons in 1989, I had an empty desk; nothing was being written on the subject," she says. "I can barely get into my office now. Over the past 15 years this issue has come onto the international agenda in a big way—there is attention and money—and we played a role in getting it there."

—Jennifer L. Hanson

still active in her antique business.

60 Judith Shapiro married Robert Adamson on June 23, 2004, in Durham, N.C. Congratulations Judy! She traveled to London and saw her cheerful new grandson, Samuel Calder Gibson, who was born on Nov. 24, 2004. He joins his sister, Sylvia Rose, 3. Judith's daughter left finance to start a career in elementary school education.

When RJR Nabisco closed the office where **Sara L. Singman Silbiger** was assistant general counsel, she took time to enjoy a visit with her daughter and granddaughter in Berlin. Sara has "retooled" her legal skills and is now a mediator specializing in family law.

Erna Olafson's first grandchild, Kyla Jean Marsh, was born on May 26, 2004.

In a *New Yorker* article about that quintessential New Yorker **Sheila Nevins**, we read that she's moved the HBO reality show "Taxicab Confessions" back to New York from its Las Vegas location. Sheila's of the opinion that the only way to find out about life is to listen hard to other people and how they grapple with it. She thinks Shakespeare would've liked the show since he's said to have been a voyeur and a listener.

Kudos to **Irene Winter**, who delivered this year's Mellon lectures at the

National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C. **Lynn Abramson Rosenberg** is an epidemiologist at the Slone Epidemiology Unit of the Boston University School of Medicine. She is a proud grandmother to the daughter of her son who lives in Amsterdam. Her other son lives in Taiwan.

Joyce Duran Stern reports that last year was a big one for her family. Her husband, Michael, retired from the Investment Company Institute; her grandson Gabriel was a bar mitzvah; and her granddaughter Emily was a bat mitzvah. The Sterns continue to travel to see family and friends in the United States and abroad.

Upon graduation, **Mariacarla Baseggio** married a Cuban diplomat, who was posted in Brazil, China's Forbidden City (at a time when it was closed to foreign visitors), New York at the United Nations, Prague, and the Soviet Union. Her stay in Prague allowed her to visit many other countries. She now lives and works in Havana as a translator and simultaneous interpreter. She feels privileged to be in on the making of a new nation and a new society.

An article in the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* featured **Dorothy Wei Lee Green**, a leader in the Chinese-American community there. Dorothy and her family escaped China in advance of World

War II, returned, and then fled as the communists took over. Her father was founding dean of science at Nanjing University. An anthropology major at Barnard, she did social work and had three children with her first husband. They raised their family in West Virginia, where Dorothy was active as president of the PTA and started a reading program. After her husband's death she moved to Pittsburgh, where she became a volunteer liaison between the Allegheny County health department and Asian restaurants. She's active in the Asian Women's Institute and has been married to Dr. Bill Green for 10 years. Between them, the couple have seven children and seven grandchildren.

Sydney Stahl Weinberg and her husband, Gerry Tenenbaum, recently returned from a trip to Indonesia, having missed the tsunami by a few days.

We're sad to report the death of **Susan Loew Brannick** who passed away on June 28, 1988.

—Hallie Ratzkin Levie and Judith Rose Alpert, M.D.

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Libby Guth Fishman writes: "We are concluding our season in Florida. This is our first year and we had such a great time that we hate to leave, but have things to do 'up North.' Now, in addition to my dolls, I am making artist trading cards. They are unique [and] have personal information on the back and a small design or message on the front. The idea is to trade them with other artists. I am going to my first class

at the end of the month where they will be traded. It should be fun to see what I get in exchange. **Alice Finkelstein Alekman, Nancy (Tze-Chung) Kung Wong,** and I got together down here in Florida; we had a really nice time."

Since we're now of an age where we have winter homes, we'd like to keep track of them and the time you spend there. Please send me the following information: name, address, phone, e-mail, and months that you're there. I'll add it to my list and send it on to Alumnae Records. Also, Barnard is encouraging all alumnae to register with the Barnard online community (www.barnard.edu/alum).

Joan Borish Chasan, Martha Liptzin Hauptman, Ruth Nemzoff, and **Jean Rusty Miller Rich** met in Boston in April. "What didn't we talk about? It is truly amazing that four people who barely knew each other in college could have such intense and fascinating conversations for two hours. If this mini-reunion is at all indicative of what our 45th reunion will be like in June, I can assure you we are all in for really interesting, introspective, yet worldly conversations."

Martha writes: "My big news: after 27 years as personal assistant to Nobel Peace Prize-winner Elie Wiesel, I have retired ... and am loving it. This month, I'm off to London with 'my guy,' Morty; then for the month of February in Florida, and in March, to Tokyo for his son's wedding. How did I ever work? I expect to see **Barbara Greifer Kane** while in London."

Elsa Brothman Horowitz shared the following news: "Last summer we stayed in Durango, Co., for only three and a half months. We returned in mid-September to celebrate Lee's father's 90th birthday. It was a lovely family event with too much food and lots of conviviality."

Gale Zimmerman Fieldman is still practicing law and says she'll continue for at least another two years. She has seven grandchildren, ages 3 months to 7 years. "Five are girls whom I, of course, try to influence. We walk up to Barnard frequently to look around (no brainwashing there). Am trying to trav-

el and vacation more for the first time ever and spend most of my free time running, hiking, and playing tennis. I divide my time pretty evenly between Manhattan and East Hampton, as I can do most of my work in either place. I hope to spend more winter time in Florida where my sisters and many of my friends now live."

We had a splendid May in Arizona, but I'll be in New York during August and September so don't forget to give me your current e-mail address! I hope to see many of you.

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63 Recently NBC announced that **Martha Stewart** will host a new version of the network's business-related reality show "The Apprentice—Martha Stewart"! What's left to say about Martha Stewart's turning proverbial lemons into lemonade except, "You go girl!" Congratulations from your classmates.

Congratulations also go to **Susan Kaufman Purcell** who has been named director of the Center for Hemispheric Policy at the University of Miami where she'll lead interdisciplinary teams to address specific projects involving both the University and the business community. She has served as vice president of the Council of the Americas, a not-for-profit organization, for the last 16 years.

On Feb. 16, a group of our classmates met for cocktails at the Princeton Club. Several in attendance sent news:

Pearl Sternschuss Vogel had a wonderful visit with **Gail Hochman Effros** in Palos Verdes, Calif.; traveled to China in November; and reports that her three children are all married and that she has two grandchildren. **Judith Rothgart MacDonald** is an attorney at an investment banking firm, teaches at Fordham University, and agitates for the environment in the Hudson Valley. **Loretta Tremblay Azzarone** cares daily for her two granddaughters, Natalie, 4, and Isabella, 2. She's travel-

ing to Vallarta, Mexico for some rest and relaxation.

Terry Rogers Barth is a second-year New York City teaching fellow with a second grade class in the South Bronx. (Go Terry!) **Carol Miles** says she's been "overemployed." In February she started as director of marketing at Travel Dynamics International, an operator of small ship, upscale, educational cruises with unusual itineraries. Through April 15 she worked as a tax pro with H&R Block. Last fall, she and her husband, Mario De Stefano, spent three great weeks in Italy—Florence, Pisa, Rome, and Sicily. **Anne Broderick Zill**, class fund chair, hopes to double our class contribution this year. In the meantime she has curated a traveling exhibition of photographs called "Women on War."

Also present at the Princeton Club cocktail party were **Merel Pomeranz**

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Glaubiger, Wendy Supovitz Reilly, Shirley Sherak, and Susan Robbins Stern who reported that all is well, as it is for me out here on the Cape—and I hope for all of us.

We're planning a mini-reunion in Boston. Anyone interested in helping, please contact a class officer.

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64 Now there are two plaques in the Reunion Courtyard in honor of our class. When we earned the first plaque, the amount required was \$100,000; subsequently it was raised to \$200,000 and we did it again! To be exact, we raised \$203,106. The dedication on April 19 was enjoyed by many officers and members of our class who were thrilled to accept President Judith Shapiro's congratulations to us all.

At a meeting held beforehand, **Jane Gross Perman**, our class president, led a discussion on how to keep the reunion spirit going. We decided that the best way to get classmates connected is to focus on issues of importance in our lives. Please share a creative retirement plan or let us know how else you're looking ahead. You'll be reading more about how to participate in an online Class of 1964 chatroom or maybe in focus groups at mini-reunions in your area.

Did you know that if you visit Barnard on your own, you can hang out in the Vagelos Alumnae Center? They have coffee and a place to sit and will even have someone show you around the campus.

Congratulations to **Patricia Jamison Sharpe**, named to the newly established Elizabeth Blodgett Hall Chair in Literature at Simon's Rock College of Bard, where she has been since 1983 and is a faculty member in literature and women's studies. In addition to many publications and academ-

ic honors, from 2001 to 2003 she served as dean of studies at Bard High School Early College, a collaboration between Bard and the New York City Board of Education.

Tobianne Simmons writes that she's "still married (same spouse); still working in healthcare; three children (youngest a first-year student at Tufts University); still a New Yorker."

Pauline Piskin Sherman retired on June 1 from her position as senior vice president, secretary, and associate general counsel of AXA Equitable Life.

When **Shoshanna Sofaer** married her longtime companion, Larry Bergner, on Mother's Day, she became an instant grandmother too. Congratulations!

Claudia Starczewski Bantz writes that there have been many changes in her life. After leaving a job of 17 years at *Reader's Digest* and seeing all three of their children married between 2001 and 2002, she and her husband "took a left turn and moved from suburban Westchester, N.Y., to Portland, Maine." There they're restoring a house built in 1898, and Claudia's becoming a docent at the Portland Museum of Art. They're also planning trips to China and Eastern Europe.

"I hope to continue farming as long as I am physically able," writes **Elizabeth Berliner Henderson**, who with two partner friends farms at Peacework Organic Farm in the township of Arkadia in Wayne County, N.Y. There she grows vegetables and herbs for the 280 households who are members of their community-supported farm. In her spare time, she writes about organic agriculture. The first book she co-authored is *The Real Dirt*.

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Classmates came together from across the miles to rekindle memories and share long-forgotten stories.

Because your correspondents were having such a good time chatting and renewing old friendships, few notes were taken and we hope the next columns will be filled with specific news items from reunion-goers. About 60 classmates attended reunion, participating in events at the College and the informal get-togethers graciously hosted by **Evan Nurick Zimroth-Wollman** and **BJ Lunin-Frishberg**, first-year roommates who now have apartments in the same building in Morningside Heights. Many thanks to both of them for opening their homes to all of us. Thanks also to all our classmates who worked on the reunion.

For now we will highlight classmates who spoke at two events. The class dinner drew the largest number of participants. Informal conversation at dinner gave way to a panel discussion of life transitions led by **Cathy Goodwin**, who has an e-business of career and business consulting. **Nanci Buchalter Allen** spoke of having to retire from an active medical practice after developing multiple sclerosis and going back to her first love, painting, which has brought her considerable success with shows on Long Island and abroad. **Barbara Hudson Roberts, M.D.**, spoke of the importance of understanding the differences between the female and male heart (now there's a huge opening for an ambitious novelist) and things to keep in mind as we age. **Paula De Simone Watson** recently retired as director of Electronic Information Services at the University of Illinois at Urbana and spoke of the first months of retirement in which she caught up on things undone, outdid herself in holiday preparations, and then wondered what was next. Her conclusion was that her future activities wouldn't lie in those things she had always thought she wanted to do, but in things she hadn't ever thought about doing—an insight that was very valuable to me.

Two of our classmates gave stellar performances in "Athena Through the Ages: Six Decades of Barnard Women Tell Their Stories." **Barbara Rieck**

65 Our 40th reunion has come and gone, and a good time was had by all.

Morrow had the opportunity to speak with Malcolm X at a Barnard Noon Lecture and left that encounter with a hopefulness for race relations in this country that was shattered a very few days later when he was shot. **Ellen Kozak**'s story was also one of shattered hopes as she related her personal vigil after the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Both stories were told with such simple eloquence and spoke volumes about our time at Barnard. We're happy to report that Ellen's book, *Every Writer's Guide to Copyright and Publishing Law*, has gone into its third edition.

Now it's your turn to speak or write about what you've done or hope to do.

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40TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

66 Planning has begun for our (gasp!) 40th reunion, Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, June 11, 2006. **Lynne Moriarty Langlois, Susan Weis Mindel, Nancy Tally Polevoy, Janet Levitt Zalkin**, and I met at Barnard to discuss arrangements for this exciting event. Additional committee members, so far, include **Linda Rappaport Ferber, Phyllis Shapiro Hantman, and Leah Seltzer Tarlow**. Please contact me if you'd like to make suggestions and by all means, save the date!

Phyllis received an Achievement in Planning Award from New Jersey planning officials, the state organization of planners, board members, professionals, and staff. The award is in recognition of her efforts to "create the extensive training and education program for appointed planning and zoning-board members, land use and staff workers, and related professionals."

Linda is leaving her position at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in order to

become the new vice president and director of the museum division for the New-York Historical Society.

Frances Allou Gershwin is co-chairing the real estate group of Burns & Levinson LLP, a law firm in Boston. Fran is past president of New England Women in Real Estate, an organization of more than 400 professional women practicing in all areas of commercial real estate.

Nancy Cowles McClelland reports from Lincoln, Ne., that after 20 years of teaching elementary school, she is enjoying her retirement and finally has time to read. "Although slowed by post-polio syndrome," she volunteers teaching children.

Jane Relin, a licensed social worker who specializes in geriatric mental health, is providing life-care planning services through the Elder Law Offices of Barry M. Meyers in Bellingham, Wa. According to the press release, "Life care planning combines estate planning and preserving assets with professional elder-care management that assists clients in selecting, arranging, and maintaining needed care."

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67 Norma-Jeanne Solomon-Bruce Hennis is running a medical communications business, www.webpharm.com. Her husband, Marc, is retired from his cardiology practice but is still consulting. Her son, Rob, graduated from Brown University and is studying musical composition at Julliard. Her daughter, Kathy, plans to join the Peace Corps, work abroad, and then possibly work with AmeriCorps.

Barbara Klein Eisenberg has been elected executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of Ann Taylor Stores. She was also elected to the board of Maidenform Brands.

Alice Kerman DeLucia teaches French in Manchester, N.H. Her husband, Michael, practices law. Their

elder daughter, Laura, lives and works in Washington, D.C., their younger daughter, Christine, is a junior in college, and their son, Stephen, is a junior in high school.

I attended the graduation of my daughter Erika, a master's candidate in international studies at Johns Hopkins Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., and was treated to an address by **Jessica Pernitz Einhorn**, the school's dean. Successful '67ers seem to be everywhere!

It's only two years until our 40th reunion!

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68 An article in *Architectural Digest*'s February 2005 issue describes a project by **Elissa Forman Cullman**, now a prominent interior designer, and the architect John Murray in which they combined two apartments in a Park Avenue co-op to create a classically elegant but functional home for the owner.

I received an e-mail advertisement for Mother's Day garments from Hanky-Panky. I guess I'm on the mailing list after a (deservedly) nice write-up on them in this column last year. I hope business is booming.

Linda Rosen Garfunkel, our class president, called me to say that she had seen a notice in the Style section of *The New York Times* on Sunday announcing the marriage of Elizabeth Gore Ross, daughter of **Laura Gore Ross**. Could this be "our" Laura? It seems so. The article mentioned that Laura is a chairwoman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee in Washington, D.C. Congratulations to her and her newly extended family.

Linda also noticed an article about another classmate. On May 9, *The New York Times* reported that novelist **Laurie Stone** agreed to spend a month confined in a 140-square-foot living space at the Flux Factory, an artists' collective in Long Island City, N.Y., as one of three writers participating in "Novel: A

Living Installation." The goal of the project is for each of the three novelists to complete a novel at the end of the month with weekly readings as checkpoints. Good luck!

Linda has been busy as well. She's helping to spearhead the rejuvenation of the Barnard Club of Westchester. I received my application/survey/invitation in the mail the other day. I hope all of you county residents mailed in your responses as quickly as I did. I'd like to chat with Barnard women from other classes. I'm sure their perspectives would be interesting to hear.

After 35 years of teaching in the same district, I'm retiring. The science laboratories in my school are being renovated (finally) so the whole department has to pack up and move out. It seems like a propitious time to make my exit. I just have to find room in my house for all of my boxes! Funny, this event was so far away for so long. It's hard to believe it's happening now.

My daughter, Miriam Kurnit '00, had her 5th reunion this year. Our 40th is in three years. Linda has already begun soliciting classmates to have mini-reunions and has received quite a response.

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69 **Patricia Lynn Touzeau** writes: "I am now completing a residency in psychiatry at the Rosalind Franklin University in Chicago. Never thought I'd end up in the Midwest again. Never got remarried—too confining. I couldn't find anyone who would agree to live with a 50-ish medical student. Still a cat person. Share my life with two Turkish Angoras and a gray tabby cat." She'd love to hear from you.

Shera Aranoff-Tuchman recent-

ly published *Passions of the Matriarchs*, partly based on her teaching at her local synagogue, Kehilath Jeshurum. She and her husband of 32 years, Alan, live in Manhattan, where Shera has a private dermatology practice and teaches dermatology at Lenox Hill Hospital. She and Alan have three children and two grandchildren. "Life has certainly had its challenges for us but we are so grateful for the good stuff," she writes.

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Karin Johnson Barkhorn saw some familiar faces when she was on campus in early March to participate in a Project Continuum panel on medical issues and aging. She spoke on the legal aspects of health-care proxies, living wills, and powers of attorney. Karin also chaired a continuing legal education event. She reports that a current *barnard bulletin* editor sent her a very grateful letter to say that but for the Ruth Bayard Smith '72 Memorial Fund, she wouldn't be an editor. How's that for a great success story for our class? Please keep donating!

Frances Padorr Brent was awarded the 2005 May Swenson Poetry Award by Utah State University Press for her work entitled *The Beautiful Lesson of the I*, which will be published this summer. Frances' poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Notre Dame Review*, *Yale Review*, and others. After graduation she studied at Columbia and the University of Illinois. She co-edited the literary journal *Formations*, co-translated *Beyond*

the Limit: Poems by Irina Ratushinskaya, and has taught at Barat College, Loyola University, Northwestern University, and Yale University. She lives with her family in New Haven, Conn. This February an article about Rebecca Newberger Goldstein and her new book *Incompleteness: The Proof and Paradox of Kurt Godel* appeared in *The New York Times*. It focuses on Einstein's and Godel's close relationship and the ideas they shared from the late 1930s until Einstein's death in 1955.

We garnered some news through The Barnard Fund phonathon, which was held in February: **Jo Lynn Klier** has lived in Sturbridge, Mass., for 18 years. She's a part-time school psychologist, which she balances with being the mother of a 16-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter. As her children got older, Jo Lynn found that she needed to downscale her practice from full time. Laura Cohen obtained a master's in library science and works at the State University of New York Albany library. **Janet Lynn Collier** still lives and teaches in Maryland. She switched schools and grades and now walks to work and loves teaching her seventh and eighth graders. She has two children who live in New York. After 17 years in administration and guidance at the Manhattan Center for Science & Math, **Diana Maldonado Ferrer** recently became an administrator at the Bronx High School of Science. One of her children is in Union College and the other is at Fordham Prep. **Carolyn Kone** is a lawyer and has two children. Her daughter is at first-year student at Bates College and her son is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania. **Maralyn Tabatsky** reports from California that she spent 17 years as a special educator and then 17 years owning her own business—and now it's time for something new.

Ruth Steinberg has set up her own gynecological practice in Manhattan. She'd love you to stop by to see her and her beautiful new digs. I'm a patient of hers, and I really like the quiet and the decor.

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73 Hi again and happy summer! I hope by now you have all heard of Project Continuum: Barnard Women in Transition, which focuses on alumnae's lives and career changes as we get older. In that spirit, I thought I'd devote this quarter's column to a couple of alumnae who've recently changed or expanded their career focus.

Manhattan resident **Mara Isbey** went to work for IBM shortly after graduating in 1973. Over a career of more than 30 years with the company, she worked in sales, marketing, and business development playing an important role in both technical and management capacities. Most recently she worked on business resilience and continuity, providing businesses with the tools necessary to run effectively through times of threat or crisis. Now retired, she has come back to Barnard to volunteer. She also took classes in tax preparation and worked this past tax season to help people with their taxes. She soon realized, however, that her valuable experience at IBM, together with this new tax preparation skill, would better serve her and others in the field of real estate. She's looking forward to new experiences and new friends in the exciting world of New York properties. If you'd like to get in touch with Mara, let me know or look her up on the Barnard online community (www.barnard.edu/alum).

Los Angeles resident **Rivian Bell** runs her own successful public relations firm. A loyal and active member of the Barnard alumnae community, she has worked with us for years to maintain contact between classmates. This year she began working with others to launch California's very first online organ-donation registry, which will enable the medical community to effectively match organ-recipient candidates with the organs they need. The new registry will make it possible to save thousands of lives that otherwise might be lost. Bravo Rivian!

Ellen Fleishman of Philadelphia checked in this quarter to pledge to The Barnard Fund. She teaches prekindergarten in Philadelphia and has three children: her 24-year-old daughter, Adina, is finishing an master's in speech therapy at Temple University; her 21-year-old son, Elie, an education major at Temple, just returned from seven months in Costa Rica; and her 19-year-old son, Ami, checks in as a first-year student at Temple this fall after a year in Israel. Ellen's husband, Allen Gottlieb, teaches at Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia. Ellen sends her greetings. She says she enjoys reading Class Notes and finding out about her fellow alumnae. Thanks, Ellen.

My 16-year-old son, Kyle, was accepted to Columbia College as an early admissions first-year student. His new TV pilot, "The War at Home," in which he plays Michael Rapaport's rebellious 15-year-old son, however, was just picked up by Fox Television to air on Sundays this fall at 8:30 p.m. He'll have to defer college until next year. Too many good things all at once.

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74 A veteran judge of four years on the Book-of-the-Month Club selection panel, **Anna Quindlen** was asked about the dissolution of the panel by *The New York Times*. Anna said she hoped the change in the system wouldn't eliminate first novels and unknown authors. "I'd hate to see them veer too much toward the predictable best sellers. That's sort of cheap and easy."

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75 Through a copyediting error in the spring issue, **Kim Lane Scheppele** was mistakenly listed as being John J. O'Brien Professor of Comparative Law and Sociology at Pennsylvania State University, rather than University of Pennsylvania Law School. We sincerely regret the error.

However we're happy to report that Kim has a new position to announce!

She has accepted a job at Princeton University as Laurence Rockefeller Professor of Public Affairs, University Center for Human Values, Politics and Sociology Director, Law and Public Affairs Program. In addition to that good news, Princeton also hired her husband, Serguei Alex Oushakine, as assistant professor of Slavic studies starting in fall 2006. He will be a post-doctoral fellow at the Harriman Institute at Columbia in 2005-2006 and he's getting his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia in 2005.

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This column was due on the day I turned 50. Objectively, of course, I knew that day would come, but you don't really think about it until it happens. (I certainly didn't think about it when I was at Barnard!) What does it all mean? I hope it means more than getting mail from the American Association of Retired Persons. Beyond becoming aware of all the new aches and pains (and the burgeoning hot flashes), I think—I hope—it means that this is a time to take stock of where we are in life. We can look back at where we've been and what we've done and know that we still have many years to accomplish all the things we want to do. What do you think?

In January **Ruth Leibowitz** became senior management consultant for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. She's on a team that's enhancing the clinical information systems for New York's hospitals, working on requirements, testing, and training.

Marcia Felth, who lives in Newtonville, Mass., is a freelance grant writer. She sends word through The Barnard Fund phonathon that her older daughter is starting at Wesleyan

University; her other daughter is eight years younger so she'll be home for a while.

An item in *Town and Country* reported that **Nina Renshaw Griscom** opened a shop in Southampton, N.Y., with event and floral designer Anthony Todd. A Google search, though, indicated that the venture had ended, but that in December 2004 Nina opened an eponymous shop on the corner of 70th and Lexington. The shop sells unique home furnishings and accessories.

Meanwhile, *New York* reported that **Tama Janowitz** attended the 20th anniversary party of the restaurant Indochine in late 2004. Tama—whose most recent book is *Area Code 212: New York Days, New York Nights*—was also interviewed along with writer Pete Hamill in *New York*. She mused about what she misses most about New York: "I miss the era when people could come, find a cheap place, and be able to live in the city. Now it all seems sort of fake. Williamsburg seems like a place where rich kids can live because someone's helping them out." When asked whether she thought her era was over, she replied, "I think my time hasn't come yet." I like that. We all have times to come.

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78 Last issue, **Vivian Levmore Tannor** was praying for peace in the world. And don't get us wrong, we're all in favor of peace here at Barnard, but good TV is even more rare. Luckily we've got **Martha Mitchell** watching out for our interests; during the 2004-2005 television season she directed for CBS two episodes of "Joan of Arcadia," one of "Judging Amy," one of "Without a Trace," and was embarking on her second episode of "Numbers" at press time. World peace is still a ways off, but in the meantime all of Martha's episodes will undoubtedly repeat, just in case you missed them.

The media world is abuzz over the latest triumph in the career of **Cyndi Stivers**. After a decade helping to

establish and nurture that very healthy publication *Time Out New York*, Cyndi is now executive vice president at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia (run by another Barnard alumna, as you all know). "I will be reporting to the president and CEO, Susan Lyne, whom I worked for very contentedly at *Premiere* in the late 1980s and early 1990s," reports Cyndi. "I'll be doing whatever's needed, across all areas of the business. First assignment: Martha's 24-hour Sirius Satellite Radio channel," which is set to launch autumn 2005.

Agnes Szell Hibbs was back on campus in May to see her daughter, Julia A. Hibbs '05, graduate from Barnard. We all know that it's impossible that any classmate of ours is old enough to have a daughter old enough to graduate from any college, let alone the best college in the world, so we're just assuming Julia is one of those 5-year-old prodigies who happens to qualify for that major in biology. Julia's aunt, Timea Szell '75, is a senior lecturer in Barnard's English department.

I don't know about you, but I've had a lot of questions lately regarding hydropower. Like, what is it? (Does it have to do with the water pressure in my shower?) And is it anything like grrrrpower? The only one who can set our minds at rest is **Sarah Addington Verville**. She's an attorney at Pierce Atwood LLP, where she specializes in the state and federal licensing of hydroelectric projects through that firm's environmental practice group. Unfortunately, Sarah's not available to adjust the hydropower particulars of my showerhead because she's busy at the National Hydropower Association (NHA), a nonprofit national association to whose board she was recently named. According to a news release, the NHA "seeks to secure hydropower's place as an emission-free, renewable and reliable energy source that serves national environmental and energy policy objectives."

Although these alumnae columns clearly represent the pinnacle of my career, I occasionally dabble in other writing. I have two books coming out this fall and winter: I'm the editor of *The X List: The National Society of Film*

Critics' Guide to the Movies That Turn Us On (DaCapo Press, due in November), and an untitled memoir for Penguin about my weight loss, due in bookstores January 2006 (if the deadline pressure doesn't send me back into that bag of Fritos first).

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79 **Therese Rosenblatt Sonenshine** was elected to the board of Yeshiva University's Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology according to the *Westchester Jewish Chronicle*.

Cynthia Ladopoulos writes that she's alive and well in New York.

Consulting editor and freelance writer **Katherine Goncharoff** reports that she married fellow editor David Heires in 2004. After a two-week honeymoon in the South of France without a BlackBerry, iPod, or laptop, she's back in Manhattan. Katherine completed a one-year assignment this spring as a consulting/contributing editor at Deloitte Research. Her articles and reporting on business topics have appeared in publications such as *BusinessWeek Online*, *MIT's Technology Review*, and *Venture Capital Journal*. She also launched a Web site at www.mediakat.com.

As a political editor for the *Associated Press*, **Donna Cassata** covered the final months of the presidential campaign—including election night—and oversaw the coverage of the inauguration. She's now a reporter, writing feature stories until the 2006 midterm elections and then she'll segue into the 2008 presidential race. Donna's husband, Bob Mazziotta (CC '79), has a dental practice and enjoys photography on the side. Her daughter Julie starts high school in the fall and her daughter Laura will be in fourth grade.

We've begun a drive to institute gifted disabled legislation throughout the state of New Jersey. The bill that my son Jay and I drafted has been modified slightly into a new bill that will authorize a statewide review commission on special education, which according to

the press release from the New Jersey Senate Democrats is slated to become law. My daughter, Emalyn, will begin studies at Friends Select in September 2005. She won the local Ray of Hope Award, which grants her funding to put together a small conference on disability laws here in October.

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80 I flew 3,000 miles to do it, but thanks to reunion I have material for numerous columns (and maybe a novel). Reunion was somewhat surreal—whole swaths of the past are discovered to have disappeared when someone remembers something you did and your own mind

draws a complete, dismaying blank—but also inspiring and affirming. This is my message: A lot of us suffer from a dearth of self-esteem, feeling we're, in the coinage of **Jude (Mary) Giabbai Mahoney**, "mushrooms" while our classmates are moving mountains. But when you listen to our stories, it isn't power, prestige, and big-money philanthropy that stand out. It's that we're all articulate, thoughtful, striving citizens of the world. Pat yourselves on the back; you spring from good stock.

Jude—a self-styled "mushroom"—has held a number of interesting jobs: working in advertising on the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island promotions; serving as a fellow in environmental science in the White House during the Clinton administration; working for CNN in Atlanta; working for Associated Press in Alabama; teaching elementary

school; and a stint working in Singapore. (Hardly the résumé of a fungus.) Recently Jude went to Thailand on vacation, only to live through the tsunami. She came to reunion to tell us, "When you see everybody lose everything in five minutes, you know what's important."

Robin Wagner was awarded Barnard's Woman of Achievement award this year at reunion (see profile below). She's no stranger to awards. Having coached figure skater Sara Hughes to the Olympic gold in 2002, she was recognized as Figure Skating Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. She was radiant and gracious in her speech about her Barnard education, which took place while she herself trained and competed. After watching the video of Sara Hughes' Olympic performance and of Robin



ROBIN WAGNER '80

Recipient, 2005 Woman of Achievement Award



When World and Olympic Figure Skating Coach and Choreographer Robin Wagner '80 went to her first Olympics in 2002, no one expected that her only figure skating student, who had never won a national or world title before, would take the gold medal. But in one flawless performance, her student, Sarah Hughes, jumped in medal standings over former world champions like Michelle Kwan and Irina Slutskaya from fourth to first place.

It was a fitting surprise ending for Wagner, who had skated competitively as a teenager but left skating during college, studied psychology, worked in publishing, and became a buyer for Bergdorf Goodman. In her three years at Bergdorf Goodman, she began skating again at the Manhattan rink where she used to train. At first she performed with a group, and then friends who coached asked her to help with choreography for their students. As Wagner spent more time not only choreographing for figure skaters, but also training and preparing them for competition, she was forced by time constraints to make a choice as to where to devote her energies.

Her first love won out—Wagner left Bergdorf Goodman and devoted herself to the coaching of figure skaters.

Within 10 years she was coaching as many as 30 skaters as an assistant coach and choreographer. Then she met Hughes and exclusively devoted herself to become her full-time coach and choreographer. "People said, 'You put all your eggs in one basket,' but I looked at it as an opportunity to really develop myself as a coach," says Wagner, who received the Woman of Achievement Award at reunion in June.

Now as a gold-medal-winning coach, Wagner travels around the country teaching clinics, consulting with coaches, and choreographing for skaters. She also has two new students, both of whom moved across the country to train with her. She works regular hours—"no more of those 5 a.m. mornings," she says. She typically spends four to five hours per day on the ice with the skaters and also manages the team around them, which can include an off-ice trainer, sports psychologist, nutritionist, and massage therapist.

Best of all, she loves her work. "I learn something new every day. I love being involved with young people. Having gotten the title of coach of an Olympic champion has given me the opportunity to go around the country and to speak to young people and to young coaches, and it's been nice to reach out and to give back," she says.

—Laura Shin

and Sara as they awaited and then received the results of the judging, I didn't have a dry eye. It's heartening to remember there are moments of falling-out-of-your-seat joy like that.

My husband loves to come to my reunions (and a number of other alumnae brought their partners) because he is so impressed with Barnard women. This year he was most impressed with **Marisa Weiss**, a specialist in breast cancer oncology in Philadelphia and founder of breastcancer.org, a helpful informational Web site. She spoke not of her own accomplishments but to remind us that it's mainly women who are doing the work of caring for people's lives, and that she has encountered many Barnard women along the way who have really embraced philanthropy.

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25TH REUNION: JUNE 8-JUNE 11, 2006

81 Nancy Freeman is a happy new mom! She gave birth to twin boys, Joseph and Benjamin, in November 2004. "I got through my pregnancy with the twins with regular swims at the Barnard pool," she writes. "And I can't wait to register the twins for swim classes." Nancy reports that her husband, Paul Carroll, a psychologist-psychoanalyst like Nancy, is a wonderful partner in baby care. Not only that, they share an office. "So far, family life and work are blending easily together."

Maybe it's the sun in Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., but I think it's **Wendy White's** indomitable spirit that always shines. She and her husband, Roland, continue to paint and to teach painting and to work on art projects and theater with kids at Children in Distress as well as with teens and seniors. "It's a lot of fun teaching people of all ages how to utilize their talents simply by doing it," reports Wendy. Roland has taken to the Southern climes remarkably. In fact, he knows the name of every palm tree. "I'm convinced that in one of his life times he was a palm tree or worked the tropical landscape," she says.

I'm working on my next book, as well as working on healings and teaching subtle energy skills. It's always wonderful to connect with people at this deep level and to help them. I'm still going back and forth between the West and East coasts, but have settled into a beautiful town house in Santa Monica, Calif. I'm growing basil, lemons, peppermint, and tomatoes, along with calla lilies, morning glories, and roses.

Please mark your calendar for our 25th reunion, June 8 through June 11, 2006.

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82 Miriam Haber Levenstein married Sheldon Levenstein in October 2004 and became stepmom to two kids, Jenelle, 16, and Dustan, 14. Miriam and her family live in Austin, Texas, where Shel is an engineer with IBM and Miriam works as a network administrator. They're active with Congregation Kol Halev and also serve as officers (Shel as president, Miriam as secretary) of Mosaic, a Jewish outdoor club that sponsors recreational activities and promotes environmental awareness.

Anne Aghion, who spent the first years of her professional life in editorial and administrative capacities at *The New York Times* Paris bureau and at the *International Herald Tribune*, is now an award-winning documentary filmmaker. Her two documentaries, which look at how people in a small village in rural Rwanda cope with the government's still unfolding policy of reintegrating Hutu and Tutsi after the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, have screened internationally and on the Sundance channel. She's working on a third installment on post-genocide justice there. Anne was awarded the 2005 Guggenheim Fellowship and has a new film in the works on the lives of scientists in Antarctica.

Dolores Kong, a certified financial planner and vice president at Winslow, Evans & Crocker in Boston's Financial District, was named one of the top 10

financial professionals in the May issue of *Women's Business Boston*.

Rosa Alonso left AT&T Wireless, where she did international and multicultural marketing, to become group publisher with Zoom Media Group, publisher of *Poder* and *Loft* magazines, which focus on Hispanic senior executives and affluent consumers. Rosa will be responsible for sales, marketing, and profit and loss for both magazines, an "exciting and challenging opportunity" that allows her to build a company pioneering English-language media to the bicultural Latino.

With sadness we recently learned of the death of **Elida Rivas Conte** on Oct. 20, 1999.

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Amy Ellis McDaniel and Kenneth McDaniel were married in January 2005. Until November of last year Amy was the curator of the Florence Griswold Museum, a museum specializing in American impressionism in Old Lyme, Conn. She is a doctoral candidate at Columbia in art history. She received a master of arts and a master of philosophy from Columbia in the same subject. Her husband is a limited partner in a brokerage firm.

Sonya Hepinstall moved to Singapore last June. She's the Reuters editor in charge of political and general news for the region. Her children, Oscar, 6, Samantha, 8, and her husband, Steve, enjoy life on the equator. If anyone is visiting the region, she'd love to hear from you.

Rochelle Cooper-Schneider lives on Long Island, has five kids, and has a thriving business as an organizational psychologist and leadership con-

sultant helping managers develop their leadership skills. Her kids range in age from 20 months to 15 years. More power to you, Rochelle!

Risa Uvlin Davis, an old friend from Furnald days, and I have just reconnected, thanks to this column. Risa graduated from the New York University School of Law in 1987 and practiced in real estate until 2000. She married Jeff Davis in 1990 and they have four sons: Ben, 12, Josh, 9, and Zach and Jon, 4-year-old twins. "Life is hectic but I enjoy being home with and for the boys. I'm involved in our synagogue, the children's schools and do volunteer work for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at White Plains Hospital where the twins were born prematurely. I'm considering going back to work in a couple of years when the twins are a bit older." Risa keeps in touch with **Ruth Kaplan Kohn**, who married Arthur Kohn (CC), and has two boys. **Batsheva Twersky** and **Linda Gutowski Apple** live near her. Linda's son Sammy is in Ben's class. Occasionally Risa also sees **Rena Sterman Hoffman** and **Ilissa Rothschild** and her kids.

Beth Halpern, another New Yorker, enjoyed our 20th reunion very much. "But I was surprised to see myself listed as having a 14-year-old daughter! Actually Sarah just turned 2 a few months ago. I live in Brooklyn with my husband and have an independent practice as a psychologist." Sorry for the mistake!

Martha Schlitt, who also attended reunion, writes that she had an "unexpectedly good time, especially reconnecting with Beth Halpern and **Alix Finkelstein**. I told a few people at the reunion that I was pregnant, breaking the rule not to mention it out loud before the second trimester. Our second son, Henry, was born on December 11—healthy and happy—and Miles, our 4-year-old, is OK with it." Martha works at the San Francisco Art Institute with plans to return to her studio in a few months.

Pamela Simon Senders, Ph.D., married her high school sweetheart, Eric, in 1984. "We celebrated our 20th anniversary last September. We have

two daughters, Ariella, 15, and Adina, 12. The girls are terrific, and they keep us very busy with adolescent challenges every day! I am a psychologist at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation. We serve children with chronic medical conditions and developmental disabilities. After 11 years, I still love working with complex children and families, and I enjoy working on a multidisciplinary team with some very fine physicians and therapists. I don't get back to New York too often, but I always think about my Barnard years fondly."

For more than 20 years **Ruth Borison Shaked** has been in Israel, where she and her husband are raising their three children: Nili, 12, Neta, 10, and Eitan, 6. She works as the global vice president of human resources at a biotech company, a very exciting and challenging position involving extensive travel in the Far East, Europe, and the United States. She keeps in touch with **Abby Schachter Fink** and **Rachel Bressel Eisen** in Israel.

Victoria Love lives in Marin County, Calif., where she sells real estate. She enjoys life with husband, Max, and their children, Sam and Phoebe, and their dog, Busby. She says, "My California life often goes at a New York pace—I feel so lucky to live in such a beautiful place."

Jennifer Astone and Marty Vaden had a baby boy, Sandy Buundu, on Dec. 13. She works for the Firelight Foundation, Santa Cruz, Calif., which funds community groups supporting children affected by HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. She'd love to hear from other alumnae in her area.

Mila Kornhaber-DeWitt lives in Napa, Calif., with her husband, Brian, an attorney, and her 5-year-old daughter, Anna-Claire. Mila is a part-time instructor in psychology at Napa Valley College. They moved to Napa last year and would love to meet local alumnae.

Robin Tuverson lives in Santa Monica, Calif., with her husband and her "beautiful 8-year-old, Summer." Robin teaches at a private school and was featured in a *Vanity Fair* article on "Hollywood Cool."

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Angeles for 10 years and reports that her independent book-editing business, Lieberman Editorial Services, is maturing nicely, as are her two daughters: Sarah, 6, and Hannah, 2.

Margaret Mahboubian-Noorani writes: "It took me x number of years to study architecture, graduate from the Harvard Graduate School of Design in 1989, work-work-work, teach for a while at the University of Kansas and Parsons School of Design, and get my license, so I could practice in New York. Then I met my husband, Morris Noorani." They moved to Los Angeles on Thanksgiving in 1999. Since then "[I've] had to repeat the entire process of becoming licensed and practicing on my own. ... Then I became pregnant last year (just in time to miss our reunion) and gave birth to a beautiful girl on Oct. 27, 2004, Julia Basiah Noorani."

Eleven years ago, **Annamarie Marano** relocated from New York to Pittsburgh, where she's the administrative director for geriatrics at the University of Pittsburgh Medical

Center. Her husband, Tom Farrell, practices law. "We juggle our busy working lives with the equally busy lives of our children, Lia, 11, and Luke, 9."

Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker is a bankruptcy law counsel at the Philadelphia law firm Klehr Harrison. She has three children, Michal, 14, Shimshon, 8, and Yehuda, 4. She was recently in Israel and saw **Margo Lee Kossoff**, Tamar Krongrad '85, Zia Jaffe Rose '85, and other alumnae. Carolyn is vice president of her children's school, Politz Day School of Cherry Hill. It's a fulfilling, but time-consuming position. Her husband, Adam (CC '84), holds various managerial and academic positions in the department of radiation oncology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. "We are exhausted but having fun trying to do it all!"

Julia Golier really enjoyed seeing old friends at our 20th reunion. She and her husband, Bill Bornmann, had twins, Amelia Louise and William Paul, on Nov. 10, 2003. In her "free time" she's a psychiatrist at the Bronx VA Medical Center and an assistant professor of psychiatry at Mount Sinai.

Margery Frosch, has lived in Brooklyn since graduation and, after spending 15 years in the exciting world of nonprofit fund raising, went back to school in 1998 to study psychology. She's completing her fourth year in CUNY's clinical psychology Ph.D. program. "It's very challenging, but always exciting, and I couldn't be happier with the choices I've made."

Kimberly Conner reports that she lives in Cold Spring, N.Y., with her husband, Nick Groombridge, their children—Ian, 12, Ross, 6, Liz, 1, and one dog, two cats, and assorted wildlife: deer, snakes, woodpeckers, and the occasional coyote. In addition to being a full-time mom, she works for various small businesses doing Web design, technical support, publications, and information technology counseling.

Pamela Jones, a clinical psychologist, works with adults coping with a variety of interpersonal problems and mood and anxiety disorders. She also has a subspecialty in infertility and formerly worked on the staff of New York

University Medical Center IVF and Reproductive Surgery Program. Pamela looks forward to starting a therapy group for mothers in the fall. She's married and has three children, ages 9, 7, and 4.

Avis Hinkson completed the doctor of education program at the University of Pennsylvania in May and has been the director of academic advising at the University of California-Berkeley since May 2004. Still determined to be bivocational, Avis was ordained in March 2005 and serves as a minister at an Oakland church where she leads a weekly prayer service in addition to supervising 25 ministers.

Jean Minutello-Schneider writes in for the first time "because I find more and more reasons to be proud to be part of the Barnard tradition. I officially left the United States in 2000 after meeting my soon-to-be husband, Jochen Schneider, while he was completing a fellowship for Deutsche Bank in New York. I left behind a career in the finance industry and happily set about making a home in Berlin, Germany, where I gave birth to my lovely daughter, Elena Rosa, in 2001. We have since moved to Brussels, Belgium, and I'm back in school at Boston University in Brussels for a master's in multinational commerce, which leaves me tired but intellectually stimulated." She'd love to hear from anyone who might have an interest in resuming contact and would welcome any visitors who might be passing that way.

Congratulations to **Beth Knobel**, the Moscow bureau chief for CBS News, who reported breaking news on the siege of the Beslan school in Russia by Chechan rebels. The segment on "Weekend News" won a Sigma Delta Chi award for excellence in journalism awarded by the Society of Professional Journalists. Irwin Gratz, the president of SPJ said, "Improving journalism takes more than criticizing bad practice. It also means exalting fine work. That's what these awards are all about: a celebration of quality journalism."

Speaking of up-and-coming journalists, **Enid Lewin** graduated from Columbia Graduate School of Journalism in May. She's trading in a

career in public relations for a career in magazines. Enid is interested in working for a woman's magazine in either the fashion or beauty department. She writes, "It's been an incredible experience! Being on campus again brings back such fond memories." Enid keeps in close touch with **Roberta Caploe** and **Laurie Silbersweig**. "The best things about Barnard were the incredible, lifelong friends I've made." We couldn't agree more.

Sad news to report: **Rhena Seidman** passed away on Nov. 17, 2003. She'll be greatly missed.

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Rose Arce works at CNN as a senior producer with correspondent Maria de Lourdes Hinojosa '84. She says, "The place is full of [Barnard women] ... even the interns we have right now went to Columbia."

Megan McLaughlin Frampton has debuted her Web site, www.megan-frampton.com. Megan's first book, *A Singular Lady*, a traditional Regency romance, will be published by Signet/NAL in October. She's working on a mommy-lit book—chick lit, with an older-mom heroine—and hopes her agent will be able to pitch it to her editor by late summer. She's still close with her first-year roommate, **Eva Metalios**.

Laura Cutignola Kelley writes that for the past two years she's been very busy working in biodefense. She has begun publishing popular science articles, including "We Are Legend" (Oct. 2004) and "Big Brother, Inc:

Surveillance Security and the U.S. Citizen," (May 2005), both in *Analog* magazine. In an upcoming issue of *Foreign Policy*, she and her co-author, Nick Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute, discuss the next frontier of the HIV/AIDS pandemic: the Muslim world. This builds on a previous paper, "The Next Wave of HIV/AIDS: Nigeria, Ethiopia, Russia, India and China," published by the National Intelligence Council in 2002. Laura has been taking lessons in commercial narrations and voice-overs to "inject a little creativity into my work life" and says she has a great husband and two kids!

Jill Litner Kaplan lives in Boston with her two beautiful boys, Graham, 5, and Ian, 3. Jill continues to do residential interior design work and retail consulting on a part-time basis, and is an active member of the board of the Harvard business school women's association. She cares for her father, who has had a debilitating accident. The impact of this on her family is something many of us, I'm afraid, can understand. They continue to devote time to his care with the hope that he'll make a strong recovery. Jill's in touch with **Marianne Pugatch**, who Jill says, is "as vibrant and beautiful as ever, working at a children's hospital as a social worker."

I regret to report that **Hannah Wacholder Katsman's** stepmother, Elizabeth Krukowski, passed away on Dec. 18, 2004. Our condolences to Hannah.

Carolyn Lewin Weiss is a member of the steering committee of the Barnard Club of Westchester. Carolyn would love to see local classmates at the cultural, intellectual, and social events they organize. The group also intends to coordinate events with Barnard for prospective and incoming students. She practices law with her husband in the areas of real estate, wills, and estate administration and litigation, and is busy with her children, Sally, 2, and Henry, 6.

Mindy Braunstein-Weinblatt and her family moved to Forest Hills, Queens, from West Hartford, Conn. She lives in a beautiful apartment with a

view of the Manhattan skyline, and is tickled not to have to take the car out every time she needs milk or eggs. She has encountered other alumnae in her moving adventures: Carolyn Mostel Weiser '88, who directs at the Jewish Community Center of West Hartford, Conn., directed Mindy's daughter, Gabrielle, in the local theatrical production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Gabrielle was in the same sixth grade class at Hebrew Academy of Greater Hartford as Sharone, the daughter of Debbie Chameides '87. Mindy ran into Marcia Chapman Glickman '89, who works at the Solomon Schechter School in West Hartford, Conn. She attended the bar mitzvah of **Toby Kosowsky's** son, Eitan, in Brookline, Mass. Toby's husband, Dr. Aaron Fleischman, provides engineering support in the field of nanotechnology to improve health care. She also attended the bar mitzvah of **Miriam Gruen Kosowsky's** son, Michael, who amazed us with his reading of the weekly portion from the Torah and leading services.

Mindy celebrated the bat mitzvah of her daughter, Gabrielle's, on Nov. 13, 2004 at the Forest Hills Jewish Center. For her bat mitzvah project, Gabrielle donated her beautiful long blond hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes hairpieces for children who have cancer and lose their hair to chemotherapy. Mindy's college roommate, **Lisa Licht Hirsch** and her husband, Danny, attended the ceremony. Lisa practices clinical psychology in Riverdale. **Ellen Levitt** also joined them with her husband, Howard, and her daughters, Jessica and Michelle. At the bar mitzvah celebration of **Shani Rosen Okin's** son, Avi, who did a spectacular job with his Torah portion, were Debbie Bachrach-Straus '87, who traveled from Holland for the bar mitzvah; Dorit Hermann Chasen '88; **Karen Gross Eisenberg**; and Shelley Raab Mendelow '88. Mindy ran into **Sarah Adelson** at lunch one day; Sarah works at the Federal Reserve Bank and has two sons, Jonathan and Joshua. Mindy's husband, Mark, works as an actuary at the Folksamerica Reinsurance Company; Mindy just

started a part-time social work job at Selfhelp Community Services in Queens, a social service agency that helps Holocaust survivors. Mindy and Mark celebrated their return to the Big Apple by going to various Broadway shows and riding in the five-borough bike tour.

I've set up the "Local Color 8" art show for the Croton Council on the Arts (I'm on the board). It was a lot of work but very rewarding. One of my watercolors, orchid and fern botanical designs, is in the show.

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87 I'm pleased to report **Sharon Eicher's** interesting comments about turning 40. She's earned four graduate degrees and for the past three years has been teaching in Kazakhstan. Sharon says, "This means that while other graduates settled down, had kids, bought houses, etc., I was delaying maturity as long as possible. The benefit of that was that I really did extend youth as long as possible and had great experiences. The downside of this is that I now feel pressure to find a career position, have kids, create a home, and catch up with others in my cohort ... When I think of who I was [at Barnard], it's hard to believe that I am she. I am much more resilient now than I was then and much more sure of who I am."

Thank you, Sharon, for writing so thoughtfully about turning 40. I hope others will share their thoughts.

Ruthy Talansky Bennett writes that she and her partner, Maureen, just had a second child, a boy named Micah Taylor Talansky Bennett. Congratulations! Ruthy is developing affordable housing in northern California. Soon, however, she, her partner, and their kids will move to New England. Ruthy's interested in starting a career refurbishing old houses. If you know anyone in this type of work, please contact Ruthy through Alumnae Affairs or look her up in the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum).

Elizabeth Taddiken Lee works

full time as a dentist in Richmond, Va. She and her husband have two children, Andrea, 12, and Alexander, 10. They live on an organic farm where they grow flowers and fruit trees.

As noted in the Wedding section of *The New York Times*, **Mi Ae Geoum** and Terrence Thomas Taylor were married in January. Congratulations! Mi Ae is a press officer for the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization. After graduating from Barnard, she received a master's degree in law and diplomacy from Tufts University. She's now a doctoral candidate in political science at the City University of New York.

In celebration of turning 40, **Mary Sutter** did a triathlon in St. Petersburg, Fla., in October. Inspired by her example, I'm now training for one in New Hampshire this summer. We'll see if I actually make it!

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Stacy Waldman Bass recently launched www.stacybassphotography.com to reinvigorate her "Barnard days" career in photography. She's focusing on fine art, home and garden, and travel, and hopes to land some commercial/magazine work in the future.

Following law school, Stacy worked in the movie and television business for Savoy Pictures Entertainment but left her job shortly before her son was born. She and her husband, Howard, live in Connecticut with their children, Michael, 6, and Emily, 4, and two stepchildren. Stacey is still very active on two volunteer boards and manages to squeeze in a little travel.

I received a tip from **Susan O'Brien Lyons** that **Taylor Baldwin Purdy** inked a deal last February to become a radio show host in the Larchmont area for WVOX AM1460. She currently co-hosts a show with Colleen Cowan on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on WGCH AM1490, called "The Good Stuff with Taylor and Colleen". The co-hosts started broadcasting out of New Rochelle last December with the goal of giving other moms something educational, intelligent, and fun to listen to during that tricky hour from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. when they're stuck in the car waiting to pick up the kids. "Taylor and Colleen aim to be lively and entertaining hosts who keep both guests and listeners on their toes," reported the *Larchmont Gazette*.

Deborah De Rosa sends news that her second book will soon be published by Greenwood Press. Unfortunately, she also mentioned that her mom, Rosa De Rosa, passed away in December.

Before I sign off, I just want to say thanks to the classmates who sent in some news after reading my plea in the Spring issue. I'll continue the updates in the next column!

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89 **Lindsay Lavine Webster** writes from her new home in Spartanburg, S.C., to announce the birth of her fourth child, Liza, on Jan. 17. Liza's siblings, Will, 6, Lily, 5, and Vinnie, 3, seem to be adjusting pretty well so far. Mom is hoping to get back to her portrait photography work in 2006. Meanwhile, the family is adjusting to small town life. "It's very Bible Belt, but incredibly friendly,"

Lindsay reports. "The local Exxon station sent roses when the baby was born!"

Carol North Arpaci and her husband, Muhittin, had a son, Erol Selahattin, on Nov. 20, 2004. Carol left her full-time job as a psychologist for the San Francisco department of public health to pursue other part-time ventures. Carol reports that **Ann Lee** and her husband, John Peltz, had a baby girl, Zola Jae-Seong, on Feb. 6. They visited Carol in San Francisco en route to a family wedding in Los Angeles. Ann continues to practice pulmonary and critical care medicine in Tacoma, Wash.

After five years on Martha's Vineyard, **Patrizia Cimino-Gagliardi** has returned to New York. She and her husband, Nino, designed and built a restaurant on Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, Brooklyn. While Nino runs the restaurant, Pat works from home as an architect while raising their 3-year-old daughter, Giada.

Jennifer Rush lives close to Brattleboro, Vt., where she and her husband run a bookstore café. She has two little ones, Owen, 3, and Octavia, 5, as well as an "amazing" 22-year-old stepdaughter. In addition to the responsibilities of kids and the café, Jennifer is a manager at Retreat Healthcare.

Ann Brashares has been getting a lot of acclaim lately as author of the young adult series, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, now a major motion picture. As befits a Barnard author, Ann has been praised for the books' positive message as well as for their humor.

The correspondent for the Class of 1990 received a note from **Kassandra Kay**. She works for Warner Home Video, which distributes all BBC titles in the United States. As a result, she's been watching a lot of "Absolutely Fabulous" and "Fawlty Towers." So much of it that she writes, "I now 'think' with a British accent and slang (since it would be too preposterous to have such out loud)!" She reports she lost her beloved cat, Bunny Jo, 16, last year, after having nursed her through a long illness.

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It was great to see you all at reunion, and to meet many of you for the first time. Here's a partial list of classmates who registered and attended (apologies if you don't see your name and were there): **Gabrielle Armand, Brenda Mendlowitz Berman, Lainie Blum Cogan, Nina Collins, Liz Shultz Conklin, Amy Correia, Vicki Curry, Amrita Master Dalal, Sara Edelman, Marissa Weinberger Fuller, Ayano Ichida, Yonina Jacobs, Leora Joseph, Jasmine Kosovic, Yvette Leeper, Kirsten Magnani, Mary Mak, Atsumi Ichida Marsh, Roseanne Medina, Kathleen Murtha, Mich Nelson, Soo Ji Kwak Park, Elicia Brown Pomeroy, Elizabeth Schack Rabban, Gail Ellis Reid, Jacqueline Schatz, Susan Lane Schnell, Heather Selman, Shannon Lafferty Simons, Lisa Stanger, Robin Waldman Tameshtit, Jennifer Weiner, Ellen Whalen, Lisa Yeager, Cristina McKeever Young, and Leah Zimmerman.**

Our class dinner was held in room 302 in Barnard Hall on Friday night. Brenda Mendlowitz Berman brought the only man who was at the event, her delightful husband, Mark. Before dinner, the class picture was taken on a nearby staircase, where a very harried and nervous professional photographer tried to get us in order. There was a lot of laughter and goofing around as many of us hadn't seen each other for at least five years. Some of us had never seen each other, so it was all a bit surreal. Is it possible we are actually getting better looking? I met Kirsten Magnani who lives in Queens and is a high-end fabric designer and chatted with Heather Selman, who lives outside of Philadelphia. Liz Conklin, our outgoing class president, initiated a lively discussion about our class donations. With a 30 percent participation and about \$22,000 in donations, we wondered why more of us weren't giving to The Barnard Fund. Maybe we're all busy with our lives and perhaps feel strapped financially. Maybe Barnard (even while

we were there) didn't foster a strong sense of community. Or maybe most of us don't think of Barnard when it comes to a charity. But consider giving this year. How about \$25? Let's make higher participation the goal. In regard to my own participation, these past five years have marked my first real contact with Barnard since I graduated. I nominated myself for class correspondent five years ago because I wanted to connect with the school I hadn't participated in or enjoyed fully while I was there. So I thought, maybe it's not too late. We're a fantastic and diverse group of women, and I'm glad to have begun a relationship with our incredible community. At the end of the class dinner, we voted on class officers. The new class officers will be listed in the fall issue.

Virginia Wasiuk Lay writes: "James Patrick joined his 3-year-old sister, Kathleen Elizabeth, on May 22, 2004. I am working from home. I couldn't travel as a special prosecutor and take care of the kids so I am now working for an employment firm from home. I also recently finished my master gardener work and volunteer weekly at the St. Louis Botanical Garden. My husband, Andy, is a federal prosecutor, [working on] white-collar fraud cases."

Sheryl O'Shea-Cardona writes: "After graduating from Georgetown Medical School in 1997, I moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to do my residency in family medicine. I took my first job as a commissioned officer in the U.S. public health service in the Indian health service at a rural Indian hospital near Acoma, N.M. I have since transferred to the Albuquerque Indian Health Center, where I have been for the last two and half years. I've had a few great opportunities to combine travel and medicine. I spent a week working on the Havasupai reservation at the bottom of the Grand Canyon (one of the most beautiful places I've ever been). This past summer I was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, for two months as a consultant for the Maternal and Infant Survival Project at the Rabia Balkhi Women's Hospital (Afghanistan currently has the highest rate of maternal mortality and morbidity in the world). Last October I celebrated my one year

wedding anniversary with my husband, Arturo Cardona. Arturo is an architect in Albuquerque."

Sharon Smith is completing her master's degree in information management and public policy at the University of Michigan.

Charlene Schuessler Fiderer and her husband, Marc, welcomed their daughter Kelly-Marina to the family in late October. "Her brother, Kai, is very proud as well!" Charlene sent her news from Luxembourg, where she and her family currently live.

Anne Newland is an internal medicine and pediatrics physician on the Navajo reservation in northern Arizona. She loves the high desert and is working to improve diabetes care in the Kayenta Service Unit.

Donna Buckmeyer Grobey sent an e-mail that she wouldn't be at reunion because she was expecting her third child in mid-May. Leif Everett Grobey arrived on May 9. His big sisters Kate, 5, and Anya, 2, "are quite delighted with the new little guy."

Sarah Jane Brian announces the birth of her first son, Oliver Brian Mott, on March 10. Sarah and her husband, Chris Mott, recently moved back to New York from the Midwest.

Eva Jeanbart Lorenzotti was featured in *Town and Country* in October 2004. The nine-page article included beautiful photographs of Eva's Sutton Place apartment on the East River in Manhattan. She renovated it with architect James D'Auria. Eva launched her own catalog and Web site eight years ago called *Vivre*, which has become a premier marketer of luxury goods. Eva and husband, Lorenzo, a real-estate financier, have two children, Allegra, 7, and Amedeo, 3.

Jane Cowen Hamilton lives in Santa Monica with her husband and daughter, Charlotte, 2.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Hess**, a documentary filmmaker, who won a Pew Fellowship in the Arts. Cheryl's most recent film, "La Promesa," was filmed in Cuba. It takes place on St. Lazarus Day and tells the story of the pilgrimage of Fidel, who's fulfilling a five-year vow that he made to St. Lazarus for the health of his young son.

Cheryl received her master of fine arts degree from Temple University. Her work has been broadcast on the Learning Channel and screened at many festivals, including the Bilbao Documentary and Shorts Festival in Spain, the Tribeca Film Festival, Philadelphia Film Festival, and Muestra Documental in Colombia. She received a Fulbright grant to travel to Colombia, a Window of Opportunity grant from the Leeway Foundation, and a "Philadelphia Stories" production Grant from WYBE. Her films have been awarded best documentary at the Big Muddy Film Festival, U.S. Super 8, the DV Festival, and Philadelphia Festival of Indies, among others.

I'd like to mention that Mich Nelson, whom I nominated as our next class correspondent was elected as our new class correspondent. As this is my last report for class notes, please send your updates to Mich from now on. Thank you all for letting me participate in our class over the past five years. It was a pleasure to hear from you and I wish you the best.

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91 Kristen Hoeschler O'Brien writes that her son, John, was born on March 25 and "squirmed his way into our arms, crying lustily. We are amazed and overjoyed with this life-changing little boy. And we think he's pretty darn good-looking too!"

In November **Deborah Herdan** had a son, Ruby Ilan. She, her husband, Miki, and their baby moved to Miki's home country, Israel. Debbie, who's lived in New York since first moving into Reid Hall in 1987, would like to hear from alumnae in Israel.

"The last time I submitted news to Class Notes was when I gave birth to my first son; that son is now studying for his bar mitzvah," writes **Shoshana (Shani) Abelson**, who, since leaving school, has held jobs in the mortgage business, gem studies,

and other fields. For the past 15 years, she's lived in New Jersey. Divorced in 1997, Shani married Jerry Schneider five years ago. He's "Dad to Mindy Chaya, almost 16, and Alexander Shlomo, who just became a bar mitzvah. My 12-year-old is Zakai Shmuel Jacobson, and Jerry and I were delighted to welcome our own little guy 10 weeks ago, Shamai Abba Moshe Schneider (a big name for a peanut, but he wears it well). Tho' I never planned to wait so long, ex post facto I recommend spacing your kids so that a new one comes along when the previous one is old enough to babysit (or drive)." Shani works full time. She likes to hike as often as possible, she writes, "To this end, I have loosely formed the Teaneck Ladies Hiking Club, so if any alumnae out there are interested in ditching their husbands and/or kids for a Sunday to traipse around the rocks and mud of the Garden State, and they can figure out how to get this darn Baby Bjorn carrier adjusted, please e-mail me." You can find Shani's and Deborah's contact information on the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum).

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92 Anat Reschke had a baby boy, Stephen Jonah, on July 6, 2004. His big brother, Nathan, 2, loves holding him. Anat left her faculty position at Washington University School of Medicine. Following maternity leave, she'll join a private practice and work part time as a clinical psychologist.

Caroline Waldron-Brown lives in Philadelphia's Main Line suburb with her husband, Brian, and daughter, 16-month-old Alix. She writes: "I had a visit with **Carrie Kayser-Cochran** who was doing East Coast business. We whooped it up downtown and reminisced about Barnard days!"

Rebecca Galler Robison was mentioned in *Biotech Week*. She left her position as director of private equity at Invesco Funds Group to become sen-

ior director of corporate strategy at Sirna Therapeutics.

Andrea Bundonis Glimcher and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of their daughter, Katharine Mariella, on Oct. 22, 2004. Regretfully, Andrea also writes that her father, Albert J. Bundonis Sr., passed away on Dec. 3, 2004. Condolences to Andrea and her brother, Albert Jr. (CC '88).

Shari Pollack completed a master's of public health program in human nutrition at the University of Michigan in 2001. She's working as a clinical dietitian for the department of veterans' affairs at VA Jesse Brown Medical Center. She married Craig Hahn in 2001 and has a daughter, Bailey Evan, who was born in May 2004. They live in Chicago.

Victoria Stewart writes that she's working on play commissions from the Guthrie, Commonwealth Theatre, and South Coast Repertory. She also mentioned that **Sharon Eberhardt's** play "Becca and Heidi" ran to great acclaim in the Bay Area and that there will be a reading of her play "Fingerprinting" in New York.

After teaching for five years in New York public schools, **Selina Hedigan** started a new job as math staff in an elementary school in the city. She and her husband, Luke, had a baby last September, Caera Maureen Matthews.

Anne Farrar Hayes lives in New York on the Upper West Side and works for the Riverside Company.

Hwa Soon Anchisi has moved to Germantown, Md., where she has lots of free space for visitors!

After living in New York and working as an editor and columnist for a photography magazine, **Fiora Watts** has traded in city life for the beauty of Midcoast Maine. She lives and works there as a studio director and photographer. Fiona had her first solo photography show in March 2004 and in May 2004 married fellow photographer Brenton Hamilton in Barbados. The newlyweds purchased an old Victorian home in Maine and enjoy spending their free time fixing it up.

In January 2005, **Karen Waite**

Aromando and her husband, David Aromando (CC '94), had their first child, a daughter named Kendall. They live in New Jersey, where Karen teaches English at Ridgewood High School.

Peter and **Tamara Kanfer Weisman** welcomed their second child, Zoe Davis, in March. Zoe joins her big sister, Samantha, 2. Tamara is a psychiatrist in a New York clinic.

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93 As I write this, it's May and for teachers, that's a good month. Did you ever realize that your teachers and professors were looking forward to the summer as much as you were? In a month and a half, I'll turn in grades for both my high school and community college students. It'll be a glorious day! Now on to the lives of our classmates.

Stephanie Marks "gave birth to twin girls, Isabelle and Gabrielle, on October 15. They were born six weeks prematurely, but they're totally healthy now and absolutely delicious. I'm sure every first-time mother goes through a big transition, and I'm no exception—just multiply everything by two. The first few months were totally insane!" Stephanie and her husband, Jonathan Zellan (CC '93), are enjoying parenthood, and she is back at work at Register.com, where she's the vice president of investor relations and corporate communications. She sends word that **Roni Jacobson** is also at Register.com, as general counsel.

Felice Tager is an assistant clinical professor of medical psychology in the department of behavioral medicine at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where she's been since 1999 when she received her doctorate in health psychology. Her current

research focuses on breast cancer survivorship, but she also does clinical work with patients who have anxiety disorders. Felice and her husband, Michael Wachsmann (CC '97), have a 2-year-old daughter and a 3-month-old son. Though her life is busy, she seems to be thriving.

Erin McConaha is finishing a three-year tour with the U.S. State Department in Rio de Janeiro, where she lives with her husband, Andreas Werner. When she's done with her assignment, they'll return to Washington, D.C.

Last year, **Shana Levine** and her husband, Richard Senzel, left New York for the snowy Berkshires, where Shana is the program director of the psychiatric intensive care unit at Berkshire Medical Center. After receiving her doctorate in clinical psychology from Yeshiva University in 2000, Shana worked as a staff psychologist at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn for nearly four years. Though she took pleasure in her 15 years in New York, she appreciates her more relaxed life.

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94 **Juhi Mehta Anello** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their son, Luca Narin Anello, on Dec. 8, 2004. She writes that motherhood is so wonderful that she'll be leaving her new position as a tax manager at Deloitte & Touche "to be a full-time mom for a while. In January, I attended a meeting of the Connecticut Club of Barnard Alma Maters (Sweet Mothers), which sponsors discussions focused on the challenges (and joys!) of balancing motherhood with other aspects of our lives. In many ways, their shared experiences made me feel confident that I could temporarily put my career on hold to enjoy being with my baby and then successfully return to work."

Tesha McCord and her husband, Keith, welcomed their second daughter in March 2004. She joins her big sister, Naomi, 3. They live in

Saratoga, Calif.

Elizabeth Singleton practices environmental law in Houston and had her second child in the spring.

Karen Wasserman and her husband, Michael, had their second child on April 15. Hailey Grace is beautiful and looks exactly like her big brother, Jason, 2. They live in Livingston, N.J., where Karen works as a school psychologist and Michael is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Julie Steiner married Ian Pine of Melbourne, Australia, in 2000. **Miriam Cahn-Alba** and **Lauren Zorfass Green** were in attendance. Julie and Ian welcomed their daughter, Emma Sarah, in December 2004. Julie has been teaching in the New York public schools since graduation.

Elisa Aranoff married Michael DeCicco on Dec. 19, 2004, in the synagogue in Chicago where they met. In attendance were **Sarah Garfinkel**, **Carrie Lieberstein**, **Rachel Oshry**, **Naomi Roff-Kohn**, and **Shira Roffman Weinstein**. Michael legally added Elisa's last name to his. He's now Michael DeCicco Aranoff.

Sara Goldstein received a law degree from Tulane University. She married Howard Altschul in December 2004 in New Orleans. She's the senior counsel for *PR Newswire* in New York.

Wanda Cole-Frieman and her family are moving back to northern California in a month or so. She works part time from home as an executive recruiter in the retail/fashion industry. Her husband, Karl, just accepted a general counsel position at a hedge fund in San Francisco. Their twins, Taylor Grace and Isaac, 2, are superb.

Liberty Lidz was in rural southwestern China doing the first half of her dissertation fieldwork in linguistics on an endangered Tibeto-Burman language called Mosuo.

Bronwyn Miller-Udell was appointed to the county court bench in Dade County, Fla., and began serving as a judge on April 11.

Kedari Reddy has been practicing law for the past seven years at the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency. She and her husband, Luis Trias, celebrated their first anniversary with **Kimberly Leopold Harrison**, **Eileen Kang**, Lewis Kaufman (CC '98), and **Reesa Kaufman** were in attendance.

Humaira Serajuddin completed her master's of business administration at NYU Stern School of Business and works in the oncology business unit for Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Michelle Soe is a second-year resident in psychiatry at Cabrini Medical Center in New York.

Shelly Toussi just finished her pediatric residency last year and is doing a fellowship for pediatric infectious diseases at Montefiore Hospital.

Fania Yangerber completed her Juris Doctor program at Chicago-Kent College of Law in Chicago and moved back to New York in June. I completed the MBA program at NYU Stern last December. I work with Willa Perlman '81 at the Cheyenne Group, executive recruiting and consulting specialists in media, information, publishing, and communications.

I attended **Elizabeth McDonough's** wedding to Rich O'Neill in January. She looked fabulous! Beth is promotions director at *Midwest Living*. The couple resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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96 Rebecca Geller Wolf, a friend from our time together at *The Columbia Daily Spectator*, writes that she's starting to pick up more freelance writing assignments now that her children, Gabriella, 5, and Zachary, 3, are in school for a few hours a week. "It feels good to have some free time, but I am wistful that they are growing up so quickly!" Becky ran her first New York City Marathon this year. "I trained really hard and put in a lot of long runs, and the actual marathon was so much fun. I hope to do it again."

On April 16, the Columbia women's rowing team inaugurated the Woodbury Cup, the first cup ever inaugurated by Columbia women's rowing. In memory of **Melanie Woodbury**, the cup will be awarded each year to the winner of the Columbia-Northeastern race. Melanie was killed in a car accident in December 2002. "I attended the races and dedication ceremony on April 16 along with **Margaret Sullivan**. Melanie's parents, siblings, and nieces traveled from Idaho and Seattle to attend," writes **Dinah Luck**. Unfortunately, Melanie's 4-year-old son, David, couldn't attend. "At the dedication, Margaret, who served as co-captain with Melanie in 1995-1996, spoke about what she was like as a person, friend, and athlete. Then her father, Lon Woodbury, spoke and awarded the cup to Columbia, the winning crew."

Marie Segares writes that she's the program director at the South Bronx Health Center for Children and Families, a federally qualified health center in the South Bronx, N.Y., that's affiliated with Montefiore Medical Center and is also one of the New York Children's Health Fund programs. "I returned to New York University Stern School of Business to work part time towards my master's of business administration after a semester off and am about one third finished," she writes. Marie went to Cambridge, Mass., and stayed with **Stacy Hill** and her partner, Ann Wang. Stacy and Ann moved to Cambridge last summer. Stacy works for Tufts Health Plan overseeing a wellness program for staff.

Shelby Aikens works at GlaxoSmithKline and is pursuing her master's of business administration at Emory University.

I've started editing a second publication at Institutional Investor. In addition to my current work in the commercial-real-estate sector, I also edit a weekly newsletter, *Securitization News*.

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97 JoAnn Tricarico-Schneider married Jason Schneider in 2000. They both work in environmental education and live in Manhattan. JoAnn is training and curriculum coordinator for the Central Park Conservancy. She's finishing her master of public administration degree, with a specialization in nonprofit administration, at Baruch College.

Rachael Greenstein lives in Phoenix, Ariz., with her husband, David, their son, Elijah, and their dog, Cassy. Since completing her master's of business administration with a concentration in services marketing and a master in health services administration, she's worked for a provider of mental health services.

Tali Field Benoram lives in Israel with her husband, Josh, their daughter, Anava, and new son, Roi. Tali is a certified Son-Rise program teacher and child facilitator, and a pioneer/founder of the Meir Autism Treatment Center (www.meirautism.org).

Rabbi Danielle Upbin lives in Clearwater, Fla., with her husband, Rabbi David Weissman, and two sons, Nadav and Zander. She's the assistant rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Nekole Robinson Shapiro is in her second year of the postbaccalaureate program for premed at Columbia. She's also performing with a dance company in Miami.

Ilana Hendlish married Yishai Lemberger (SEAS '97) on a rooftop in Manhattan last summer (many Barnard and Columbia grads were in attendance). She recently joined Hoover's Inc.

Elizabeth Rotenberg joined the

firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP and lives in Manhattan with her husband, Michael.

Eileen Doyle Bayman has lived in San Diego for almost four years and works at Pfizer in the molecular biology department. She tells us there are a few biochemistry majors in California: **Rebecca Begley**, who was at Stanford University, and **Christine Dunham**, who was at University of California at Santa Cruz, both in Ph.D. programs. Eileen also serves as an alumnae admissions representative and enjoys interviewing 17- and 18-year-olds who want to attend Barnard. "It's nice to reminisce and be able to tell them what rocks about the place!" Her sister-in-law, Monica Pozzuoli '98, a resident in pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical Center, graduated from New York Medical College last year).

Tara Gallagher got married in September 2003 and is back in school getting her master's degree at Columbia School of Social Work.

Vanessa Primack practices labor law in New York. On Nov. 13, 2004, she married Dave Mollin, and **Mary K. Silvestri** was present. She notes that it was wonderful to celebrate this happy event with someone she met on the first day of orientation, and who's still such a close and treasured friend.

Ellen Goodenow lives in Roxbury, Mass. She's finishing a master of fine arts in creative nonfiction at Emerson College in Boston, where she teaches courses in essay writing and the literature of food. She's also a freelance children's writer and published a number of educational books for children last year.

Amanda Packard is an English teacher at The Grier School, an all-girl boarding school, grades seven through 12, in Tyrone, Penn. She completed her master of arts for teachers at Sacred Heart University in 2002.

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She's a candidate for a master's of business administration at Yale University. Her husband is a candidate for a master's of business administration at Columbia. Earlier this year, **Deanna Conrad** became an associate at the national law firm of Baker & Hostetler. Deanna earned her law degree *magna cum laude* from Case Western Reserve University, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and served on the Case Western Law Review.

I received a terrific e-mail from **Meredith Sobel**, who resides in Somerville, Mass. She finished her first year at the Harvard School of Public Health, studying medical decision-making and technology assessment. This summer she's working at Massachusetts General Hospital. Meredith would love to meet other alumnae in the Boston area. Please look her up on the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum). She writes, "**Jennifer Yeamans Fisher** married Tzvi Fisher (SEAS '97), has nine-month-old twin girls, and is working as a physician's assistant in Brooklyn. **Inessa Gendlina** was married in February 2005, lives in Seattle with her husband and is pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. at the University of Washington. **Shradha Agarwal** is a resident at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. **Judith Zwiebel Weisenberg** and her husband are moving to St. Louis, where Judith will start her fellowship in pediatrics. I also met up with **Elizabeth Kim** who is living in New York and working at a law firm. **Alice Chen** is in New York working as an associate at Credit Suisse First Boston after graduating from the University of North Carolina Business School."

I've enrolled in the master's program in art education and museum studies at Teachers College, where I work. I hope to expand upon my art history background and look at new ways of developing museum audiences. I'm interested in meeting up with anyone from our class who's studying or working at Teachers College. There's a Barnard Club of Monmouth County, but I'm hoping to reach alumnae in Atlantic, Burlington, Mercer, and Ocean counties.

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99 **Rebecca Utton** joined Teach for America and now teaches science to sixth and seventh graders in Brooklyn.

Liza Buchbinder is in her second year of medical school at the joint medical program between University of California Berkeley and University of California, San Francisco. For her master's thesis, she'll research child labor and migration issues in Togo, West Africa, where she was a Peace Corps volunteer from 2000 to 2002.

Jennifer Degenhardt married Jonathan Bennis and is an assistant teacher at the Chapin School in New York.

Bonnie Koo finished her first year at Columbia Medical School and is learning Spanish in Central America and Spain during the summer.

Bonnie also reports some great news about two classmates: **Maria Carla Ramas** graduated from Stony Brook Medical School in May and will do her residency in general surgery at New York University. Maria Carla and Bonnie are going to Costa Rica together in early June to celebrate Maria Carla's last few weeks of freedom. **Maya Kim Lee** and Phil Lee (CC '98) had their first son, Miles, last November. Congratulations Maya!

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00 Thanks go out to our reunion committee who pulled together all our class activities at our 5th reunion in June. Before our class dinner, I met up with **Bess Greenbaum** and **Cordelia Heaney** for a visit to the Hungarian

98 Congratulations to **Judith Berenthal Winitzer** who married Ori Winitzer.

Pastry Café. We saw lots of classmates at the cocktail party on campus, including **Rania Elbaz**, **Purvi Mehta**, **Fiza Quraishi**, **Solvej Schou**, and **Kiriaki Tourikis**.

Melissa Marrus welcomed everyone to our class dinner and introduced **Preeti Davidson**, who gave a speech on the importance of giving back to Barnard. Preeti has been named director of development and alumni relations at Eugene Lang College of New School University. **Solana Nolfo**, **Diana Paquin**, **Mary Pratt**, and **Junea Williams** were at the dinner. Solana got married on March 20 to Steven Lichtman at the Tribeca Rooftop in New York. **Sahrena London** was matron of honor, **Shoshana Sultanik Fishman** was a bridesmaid, and Marisa Levine Marlin '99, Kristin Stein, (CC '00), and **Robin Mindlin Tare** attended. Solana and Steve had a relaxing honeymoon on Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands. They live on the Upper East Side. Solana has been working in the private client department at Bernstein Investment Research and Management for three years, and Steve's an equity research analyst at Bank of America Securities.

At the champagne and chocolate reception, I shared a table with **Molly Belmont**, who lives in Albany and works for an educational publisher, and **Gabriela Fighetti** and Diana Paquin, both of whom work in Manhattan.

Over reunion weekend, a picnic for **Esther Greenbaum's** birthday brought several alumnae to Prospect Park in Brooklyn, including **Alaina Colon**, Bess Greenbaum, Sara Largent '01, Sally Oswald '01, and myself. At dinner in Soho later, I saw **Larissa Durbak**.

Amanda Marshall, an associate producer for NBC's "Today," won a Gracie Allen Award, which recognizes the realistic and faceted portrayal of women in entertainment, commercials, news, features, and other programs, for her work on the "American Story with Bob Doston" series. Also in the media world, **Miriam Abramowitz** is now the literary editor of the *Jerusalem Post*.

Laura Helton finished her master's in history and archival manage-

ment at New York University in May and now works as the field archivist for the Mississippi digital library on a project to document the history of the civil rights movement in Mississippi.

Hope Cullinan works for the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Carolyn Slutsky has been living in Poland and working as a correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. She received a Gralla Fellowship to take part in a program for journalists in the Jewish press this summer at Brandeis University. After that, Carolyn will begin the master's program at Columbia's Journalism School.

Ilana Garber was ordained as a rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in May and became the assistant rabbi at Beth El Temple in West Hartford, Conn. During reunion she was in Boston attending a concert by the Zamir Chorale honoring the memory of her father, who co-founded the Chorale 36 years ago. She writes, "My sister, Yaffa, is entering her junior year at Barnard and Jewish Theological Seminary in the double degree program."

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01 Save the dates for our 5th reunion, June 8 through June 11, 2006! **Ebony Burnside**, our class president, and **Samantha Reeb-Wilson**, our class vice president and reunion chair, are working with a committee of volunteers to plan reunion events. If you'd like to get involved, please e-mail Samantha at samanthareeb_wilson@hotmail.com.

I caught up with **Danielle Davy** after her fabulous performance as Miss Mabel Chiltern in "An Ideal Husband" at Theatre on the Run in Arlington, Va.

In addition to working full time and acting in many local productions, Danielle serves as the Barnard-in-Washington young alumnae chair and works with the Columbia University Club of Washington, D.C., to organize monthly happy hours and events. If you're in the D.C. area, contact Barnard-in-Washington to join the mailing list. There are many Barnard-affiliated clubs around the world that organize such events. Look up your local chapter and get involved!

On April 2, **Ellen LaPorte Robinson** married Benjamin Morris Robinson at the Church of St. Philip Neri in Philadelphia. They bought their first home and will undertake some do-it-yourself renovations.

In other happy news, **Tamar Lerman Rothenberg** had a baby boy, Eli Rothenberg, in August 2004. Tamar lives in New York and works for Tarragon Realty. Also in New York, **Julia Goldfarb** is studying clinical psychology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is working at a hospital. **Nancy Albanese** reports that she graduated from Teachers College with a degree in organizational psychology and works in downtown Manhattan at Citigroup as a compensation analyst. Congratulations to all!

I've completed my master's in political science from American University. My concentration was in applied politics with the bulk of my research and coursework focused on women and political leadership. This summer, I spent a month traveling and studying in Brussels to learn about U.S. lobbying of the European Union. I plan to put this experience to use when I move back to New York at the end of the summer.

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02 **Betty Liong** writes, "After graduating, I obtained an internship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Virginia and upon completion, enrolled in a master's program in forensic psy-

chology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I would love to catch up with some of my classmates." Look Betty up on the online directory (www.barnard.edu/alum).

Jennifer Rogers works at TBWA/Chiat/Day as an account executive on the Cunard and Nivea brands. In March, she escaped the dismal weather and took a trip to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands with **Jill Wilen** and her family. Jennifer also has a new addition to her family: an adorable pet bunny.

Dina Ferdman worked at NYU Medical Center for two years. Currently, she's enrolled as a medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Mass.

After living for a year in Zurich, Switzerland, with her husband, Michael Novich (SEAS '02), **Alison Glassberg Novich** is moving back to New York. She and Michael plan to live on the Upper West Side.

Erica Zeichner Maltz was married on April 2 to Michael Maltz. Michael does contract furniture sales for Empire Office, his family's business. Erica just graduated from Fordham Law School.

Rena Miller-Jacobs Shapiro still loves her job in sales at Google and reports, "This past August I got married to Adam Shapiro, hence the name change. It was the most incredible day, and being married is wonderful!" Several Barnard and Columbia alumni were there to celebrate with her: Danny Ambalu (CC '02), Rebecca Cole '01, Michelle Davidowitz (CC '03), Michael Fishman (CC '02), **Sara Hiltzik**, **Jessica Loyer**, Adam Lurie (CC '02), Shira Miller-Jacobs '99, Rachel Mirkin '07, Rebecca Prowda '00, Dina Robbins (CC '02), Jon Robbins (CC '02), Mindy Schactman (CC '02), and Erica Stonefield (CC '02).

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03 Jessica Alpert finished up her job at the U.S. Department of Justice on June 15 and began preparations for her move to San Salvador, El Salvador, where she's been awarded a Fulbright. There, she'll continue her oral history project on the Jewish community of El Salvador through video and audio documentation.

Anna Suh is an attorney recruiting for Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Midtown Manhattan and resides in northern New Jersey.

Hila Ratzabi is very excited to begin a master of fine arts program in poetry writing at Sarah Lawrence College in fall 2005.

Wendy W. Fok was granted a professional architectural fellowship for the master's of architecture program at Princeton University starting in fall 2005. Her six-month public art installation at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum ended in June.

Kathleen (Kait) Kerrigan did a reading of a new musical, "The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown," for which she wrote the book and lyrics with composer Brian Lowdermilk. TheatreworksUSA has also commissioned a show from them entitled "Henry and Mudge," which will have a workshop this fall. It goes into residence at the Lucille Lortel Theatre for an off-Broadway run of six weeks in 2006.

Alieza Salzberg is working on a master's in creative writing at City College. She and her husband, Aharon Horwitz (CC '04), plan to move to Israel.

After graduation, **Free Mondesire** conducted telephone surveys on the mental- and physical-health effects of 9/11 with disaster victims. She then worked in lower Manhattan for a year with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at an off-site location. Free is now working for Target in the human resources department in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Sara Menlow married Jeffrey Wasserman, an attorney at Bracewell and Giuliani, in December 2004. Sara is finishing her master's in early childhood and special education at Bank

Street and is completing her second year as a teacher at First Friends Preschool.

Alexandra Murphy is leaving her position of two years as associate director of the Center for Urban Research and Policy to begin a doctoral program in sociology at Princeton University in the fall. She's been named a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow. Alexandra's sister will be attending Barnard next year.

Eve Axelrod Davis married Yechiel Davis on Dec. 26, 2004, in downtown Baltimore. They reside in Queens, N.Y.

Amanda Goldfine lives with **Marisa Guber** and Elana Hoenig '02 on the Upper West Side and is working as a business analyst for Kaplan Test Prep.

The Encyclopedia of Children and Childhood features **Victoria Sears'** entry on the life and work of Beatrix Potter (as well as several entries by Anne Higonnet, Barnard professor of art history). After graduation, Victoria worked at the American Federation of Arts in New York, a nonprofit group that organizes museum exhibitions. Victoria is finishing her first year of a doctoral program in art history at Princeton.

Celeste Jochim-Johansson is a nanny in San Francisco. She's been training for a marathon hike in the Grand Canyon with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, for which she's already raised \$3,500 for cancer research and support.

Keren Simon left her job at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services and started a new job at the Jewish Enrichment Center.

Correction: **Katie Kupfer** is a first-year medical student at Jefferson Medical College.

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04 Sylva Hsieh works at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and lives with her former suite mate, **Christina Huan**.

Katherine Sheridan-Barbian is

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Joseph Gerard Brennan



Joseph Gerard Brennan, a former professor of philosophy at Barnard, passed away Oct. 28, 2004. He was 93.

Brennan, a graduate of Boston College, supported himself while pursuing a master's in philosophy at Harvard University by playing piano in South End bars. After completing a doctorate at Columbia University, he served three years of active duty in the Navy. He joined Barnard as an instructor in 1946 and, after being promoted to assistant professor and then associate professor, became a professor in 1962. A former colleague recalls that Brennan—who later served as department chair for 12 years—was known at faculty meetings on proposed new courses to be “a one-man watchdog committee devoted to the discovery and prevention of grammatical errors and lesser infelicities in the course description designed for the Barnard catalog.”

The author of five books on philosophy and a memoir, he taught philosophy at Hofstra University and the Naval War College after retiring from Barnard in 1976 and was a trustee of Boston College. He traveled extensively to visit his six children and enjoyed being an amateur cellist and a chamber music enthusiast.

—*Frederick Neuhouwer, Viola Manderfeld
Professor of German and professor of philosophy*

Patricia L. Dudley

Patricia L. Dudley, a former professor of zoology at Barnard, died peacefully in her sleep on Sept. 30, 2004. She was 75.



Dudley joined Barnard in 1959 in the zoology department as an instructor and, after being promoted to assistant professor in 1962 and associate professor with tenure in 1967, became a full professor in 1972. Several times, she dutifully took over as chair and steadfastly championed the department, serving five years in total. Her colleagues regarded her as “knowl-

edgeable, dedicated, and hardworking.” Her primary interest was invertebrate animals, particularly in the copepods (which have oar-like legs), about which she wrote a book and a series of papers.

When she retired in 1994 and moved to Seattle, she became professor emerita of biological sciences. Even while she was still at Barnard, Pat's internal clock was not on New York time. After working until midnight in the lab, she would read in bed at home until 5 a.m. She always insisted that her first class be no earlier than noon. I believe I know the truth. Pat was always on Seattle time.

—*Philip V. Ammirato, professor emeritus of
biological sciences*

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using her Barnard connections as best she can to land a job in the journalism/film presentation field. In the meantime, she works as a features writer for a small monthly newspaper, as a videographer, and as a catering professional. She plans to attend graduate school next year.

Joya Banerjee lives in New York and works with the United Nations Family Planning Association to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS among Latin American youth.

Shannon Barrows lives in New York and is a paralegal for a law firm.

Michelle Perna has enjoyed working for Columbus Citizens Foundation, a cultural nonprofit, for almost five years.

Alissa Zingman looks forward to attending medical school this fall at the University of Maryland. She's been busy running her own Pilates business and traveling a total of 13 weeks to Cyprus, England, Egypt, France, Italy, and Spain.

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BARNARD'S "MOB OF SCRIBBLING WOMEN," CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

about her accomplishments and those of other recipients of Barnard's prestigious AABC/Achilles Fellowship). She took her first writing course with Professor Dalton, who told her that nobody was writing about Haiti and suggested that she be one to do it.

Edwidge Danticat's senior year was also the occasion for another literary milestone on campus—the return of Mary Gordon '71, this time as a faculty member. Since then, this acclaimed novelist and memoirist has taught, mentored, and inspired countless young writers at Barnard. She is now our Millicent C. McIntosh Professor of Writing, and is widely beloved by students because her commitment to teaching is as strong as her dedication to her own literary craft.

Another response to my e-mail query came from Timea Szell, senior lecturer in English and current director of the Writing Program. In her message she cited the excellence of teachers like Mary Gordon, Elizabeth Dalton, and Caryl Phillips, the Henry R. Luce Professor of Migration and Social Order, who has chronicled the African diaspora in his celebrated works of fiction and nonfiction. She also cited Barnard's combination of a superb continuing faculty (which currently includes poet Saskia Hamilton, assistant professor of English and director of Women Poets at Barnard, and playwright Ellen McLaughlin, adjunct associate professor of English) and an outstanding roster of visiting writers who teach here for a semester or two. In recent years, the legacy of John Cheever and other visiting writers of years past has been brilliantly upheld by such contemporary literary greats as novelist Roddy Doyle, poet Claudia Rankine, and Jhumpa Lahiri

'89, whose first book received the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Another key factor in the training of superior writers and thinkers at Barnard is our rigorous curriculum. Of our curricular requirements, Professor Dalton wrote, "Literature is emphasized. Students in writing courses read classic and contemporary works that are discussed in class and can serve as models, or at least influences. Moreover, students can take as many writing courses as they can fit into their programs, but only three are counted toward the writing concentration in English. All the other classes in their major must be in literature. I encouraged my students to take courses in other literatures, in philosophy, etc., rather than piling on more writing courses."

Emerging writers also benefit immeasurably from our sophomore-alumnae mentorship program. In the Winter 2003 issue of this magazine, aspiring journalist Isolde Raftery '04 wrote about what it was like to have Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Anna Quindlen '74 as her mentor. Today, the former mentee is a staff writer covering education for a newspaper in Washington State.

Our students help each other, too. At the Erica Mann Jong '63 Writing Center, endowed by one of our most famous alumnae, Barnard undergraduates who have been specially selected and trained as writing fellows are available to review other students' papers in many academic disciplines and to assist their peers in the revision process.

Ultimately, I believe that Barnard graduates are well represented in the ranks of widely read authors for the same reason our graduates fill the front ranks of many professions. In the closing words of her note to me, Timea Szell stated that obvious reason: "The enabling and empowering nature of a Barnard education for women."

Courageous Barnard women who are expert writers have a central role to play in the Communication Age. Now that words travel the globe instantaneously, writing that is honest, original, and persuasive can have an unprecedented influence on people around the world. Zora Neale Hurston '28 could never have imagined the power and reach of today's media, but she was undoubtedly thinking of the power of the written word when she said, "Once you wake up thought . . . you can never put it to sleep again."

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Pious assigns three major essays but no in-class exam. "If you ask tough questions and really want to challenge students," he says, "they need time to think, get over the panic that a question might be unanswerable, and give their answer the time it deserves."

The Columbia Daily Spectator rates "The American Presidency" a campus favorite, a rating confirmed by a student who wrote on last year's evaluation form, "This professor is an absolute master at what he does. You should give him a pay raise!"

"The American Presidency" is open to alumnae auditors, and you can read the complete course syllabus at www.econ.barnard.columbia.edu/~polisci/courses/lectures.html#4316. For information about auditing at Barnard, go to www.barnard.edu/alum/benefits/auditing.html or call Alumnae Affairs at 212-854-2005.

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Stern grew up in Concord, Mass., with one sister, two half-sisters, four stepsiblings, and her father, who was a solid-state physicist. Her mother died when she was 3. As a teenager, she fell in love with Russian literature and learned Russian. When she entered the University of Massachusetts Boston as a first-year student, she wanted to be a writer, but she changed her mind when she did well in science but not in English. When personal circumstances brought her to New York, she transferred to her grandmother's alma mater, Barnard.

Stern loved Barnard, where she majored in chemistry and minored in Russian, though she says her experience there was atypical. Not only was Stern in a small major, but she didn't live in a dorm and was five years older than most of her classmates. But she had an "incredible" experience her senior year working for chemistry professor Jacqueline Kapelman Barton '74, who is now the Arthur and Marian Hanisch Memorial Professor of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology. Stern was also inspired by Bernice G. Segal, professor of chemistry and chair of the chemistry department from 1981 to 1985 excluding fall 1982 through fall 1983. "She was like everybody's mom. I remember her showing us the data that women who go to women's schools are so much more likely to get doctorates. She really pushed us." Stern was set to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry with Barton at Columbia, when she heard from a Barnard friend, Pamela Laber '82, about a program at MIT that combined engineering and policy. "At the last minute, I mean really at the last minute, I decided to go there. I told MIT that I was going to work on chemical-weapons policy, and I think they thought I was completely nuts and I would get over it."

Stern recalls an epiphany she had while listening to Bach's "Mass in B-Minor." Amazed that people were still listening to those transcendent harmonies, she began thinking about "how international conflict could put something like that at risk and how absurd that was," and she became determined to work in national security. She narrowed her focus to terrorism partly because of an inspiring lecture by terrorism expert Brian Jenkins, which she attended on a lark at Harvard. Also, her doctoral adviser urged her to include terrorism in her dissertation.

After a two-year postdoctoral position at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory analyzing terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, Stern became the National Security Council's director for Russian, Ukrainian, and Eurasian affairs. Once again her diverse interests paid off. "Normally people coming in for a year can't decide what they want to work on, and there are all these turf battles," she says. "But as it happened, nobody at the NSC was really working on the aspect of nuclear security I wanted to work on—the possible theft of nuclear materials or weapons and the threat of nuclear terrorism." There, she formed the interagency nuclear smuggling group.

One day, the NSC asked her to speak to the *Vanity Fair* reporter Leslie Cockburn. When Stern told Cockburn about what the NSC was doing about nuclear terrorism, "she was really excited, but I think she was more excited about the idea of a relatively young woman running a group called the nuclear smuggling group." Without telling Stern, Cockburn and her husband wrote a movie about her. In "The Peacemaker," Nicole Kidman, whose character is modeled after Stern, searches for nuclear weapons around the world with George Clooney. In reality, Stern met with the actors on set and consulted extensively on the film.

Now instead of meeting the famous, Stern, who took a leave from teaching her popular courses on terrorism at Harvard this past year, spends her time thinking about fear for her next book, whose working title is "An Anatomy of Fear: An Inquiry into the Roots of Radicalism." She intends to look at how fears of globalization and of the loss of identity turn people into radicals and how fear "can also lead governments to react in a way that's even counterproductive and dangerous." She cites the war in Iraq as one example. Stern, whose father was a refugee from Nazi Germany and who often hears anti-Semitic rhetoric in her interviews, has been interviewing Moroccan youth in the Netherlands about the murder of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh.

Stern's interest in fear is ironic, since she seems to have none herself. Novelist Gish Jen, a friend of Stern's, says, "I'm not surprised that people—even terrorists—would talk to her. She has an open-hearted way, and she's kind of heedless. She doesn't worry about herself." According to Jen, Stern doesn't limit that heedlessness to her approach to work. In fact, it was on full display in the summer of 2004 when the two jumped into the ocean in Maine, which turned out to be freezing cold. Stern got out, but Jen struggled. Stern, who had just had surgery, reached to pull Jen out. "She's insisting that she's going to pull me out of the water, and I'm insisting she cannot pull me out of the water because she just had surgery," Jen says. "I have to say that she won. She's just that way." ☒

Laura Shin is a writer living in New York.

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among policy-oriented scholars, journalists, and former government officials, and permitted her to gather technical knowledge about how health insurance works. Before becoming an assistant professor of history at Yale University in 2003, she taught at Smith College for four years. At Smith, she wrestled with whether to continue teaching—seeing several students take jobs in public policy made her proud but also eager to try a new path in her own career.

To explore her options, Klein applied for and was awarded a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in health policy from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Based at the Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale, she completed her first book, *For All These Rights: Business, Labor, and the Shaping of America's Public-Private Welfare State* (Princeton University Press, 2004), which looks at how a multitude of factors, including industrial relations, led America to be one of the only countries in the world where most of the population relies on private health insurance. The book has received two prestigious awards: the 2004 Ellis W. Hagley Prize from the Organization of American Historians and the 2004 Hagley Prize in Business History from the Business History Conference.

Being in a social science atmosphere at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, where the focus was on quantitative research, helped Klein to realize that the lack of historical perspective in public policy-making didn't appeal to her. "I really loved being a historian," she says, "and I believed that historical perspectives really did matter in understanding the present."

In addition to teaching at Yale, she enjoys conducting historical research and

being a community activist. She has spoken at rallies and marches and organized community support for striking workers; volunteered for candidates running for local offices; and worked with New Haven's Community Organized for Responsible Development to change the way large employers and developers interact with community residents.

Her plans for the future include continuing to write about U.S. history, writing about international history, and "striving to figure out how to be a politically engaged intellectual, a participant in the most necessary project of our times: rebuilding a truly democratic society." 

Deborah M. Staab is associate editor of
Barnard.

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—DMS

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used to knit in class—but never without gaining our professor's permission.

Junior year I took an economics class with the late Robert Lekachman. His response to my requesting permission to knit has stayed with me all these years. He told me he didn't mind as long as I didn't sit in the front row and knit argyles because "all those bobbins bobbing away" distracted him. But I told him I was nowhere near that level of expertise and sat in a middle row.

Menorah Lebowitz Rotenberg '59
Teaneck, N.J.

Do the Clothes Make the Woman?

Regarding "Suiting Up for Job Interviews" (Spring 2005): While I'm sure it has helped many and is admirable in many respects, there's something chilling about the rows of black suits. After always being told to be an individual, to stand out, we are presented with the ultimate in conformity aided and abetted by the school that taught us differently.

It shows once again that so much is based on appearance—perhaps too much.

Monica Sands '86
New York, N.Y.

Corrections

In "Making College a Reality" (Spring 2005), the full name of the award that Janet Rubensohn Lieberman '43 received in 2004 is the Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. We regret the error.

The Intergenerational Spelling Bee

Although I learned a great deal from the sociology course "The Family," taught by the late Mirra Komarovsky '26, sociology professor at Barnard, and have a Ph.D. in gerontology, nothing I learned in

school had prepared me to cope with the pulls of juggling four generations, from a 4-year-old grandson to a 100-plus-year-old mother-in-law. It also hadn't prepared me for its rewards.

When my grandson Jonathan, 10, comes to Westchester, N.Y., from Philadelphia, one of our activities has been visiting his 91-year-old great-grandmother, Beatrice; his 100-year-old great-aunt, Jeanne; and his 101-year-old great-grandmother, Helen, who died in March. They all lived in their own apartments, with varying degrees of assistance. As a 67-year-old with grown children of my own, as well as older relatives I visit regularly and whose care I supervise, I'm part of the "sandwich generation," a group of people who've been described by social scientists as trying to simultaneously meet the needs of their children and care for their aging parents and family members.

It's quite a challenge, but sometimes bringing these generations together is a lot easier than it sounds.

Like many bright young children, Jonathan enjoys spelling bees. Only he liked to pit Jeanne and Helen—both of whom considered themselves to be spelling champs—against each other.

A few years ago, we chose a particularly beautiful day to visit "the moms," as we call them. Jonathan, then 8, gave Jeanne a word: personality. She answered perfectly. He then turned to Helen. "How do you spell wheelchair?" She got it.

I turned to Jeanne. "How do you spell ambulance?"

Before Jeanne had a chance to answer, Helen responded, "What kind of words are you asking us? Pretty gloomy. Next you'll ask us to spell undertaker."

We all had a good laugh. It was wonderful to see Jonathan laughing so much. He had confided previously to his

dad that seeing Jeanne in a wheelchair was frightening.

I suggested a race to see who could be the first to spell a word. I started with "beautiful." Helen and Jeanne both took the game seriously—racing to finish their correctly spelled words. They both finished at the same time. Helen even began playfully boasting how she'd won spelling bees when she was younger.

Jonathan was beaming. He couldn't believe what he was hearing from his two older relatives in wheelchairs.

He wanted to play some games too, so we turned to math—asking what's 9 times 8, 6 times 9, and other problems—and shouted out answers that hit ages between Jonathan's and those of his great-grand relatives. Jonathan was so proud that he was able to keep up with the older generations.

I later described our activities to a psychiatrist friend, who commented on how much better functioning Jeanne and Helen were compared to many of the elderly people he sees in his practice. "It's the interactions you have with them, and they with each other, that makes a difference," he said to me.

He was right—those afternoons have made a big difference in my life. ☒

Judith Spiegler Adler '59, a gerontologist who received her Ph.D. from Fordham University when she was 60, lives in Larchmont, N.Y.

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